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Elite troops land in Jolo

Hostages sighted with kidnappers

By Julie S. Alipala, *PDI Mindanao Bureau* **and TJ Burgonio**, *in Manila*

JOLO, Sulu—The four remaining Jehovah's Witnesses abducted Tuesday supposedly by drug addicts were sighted with their captors yesterday morning, a ranking military officer reported.

Brig. Gen. Romeo Tolentino, commander of the Army's 104th Infantry Brigade, also said the hands of two of the four women captives were bound. "I cannot tell who are those tied, but I presume they are the younger women, Emily Mantic and Florida Montulo," he said.

Tolentino said that the military had started cordoning the area of the sighting and that blocking forces had been set up where the kidnappers, supposedly led by Abdulmuin Sahiron, a nephew of top Abu Sayyaf commander Radulan Sahiron, were expected to pass.

"We have already pinpointed their location," Tolentino told the INQUIRER. "Maybe in a two or three days we might get them, hopefully."

He declined to name the specific areas, invoking "tactical matters."

More than 30 soldiers belonging to the US-trained Light Reaction Company (LRC) landed at the Jolo Airport at around 11 a.m.

They brought with them sophisticated combat equipment, including night-vision goggles and sniper rifles fitted with laser scopes, not available to regular troops.

As soon as the C-130 military cargo plane that carried them from Basilan landed, a number of the elite soldiers secured the area before the rest of the team disembarked.

Tolentino said the LRC would assist the 11 battalions of soldiers tracking down the abductors of Cleofe and Florida Montulo, Nori Bendijo and Emily Mantic, as well as

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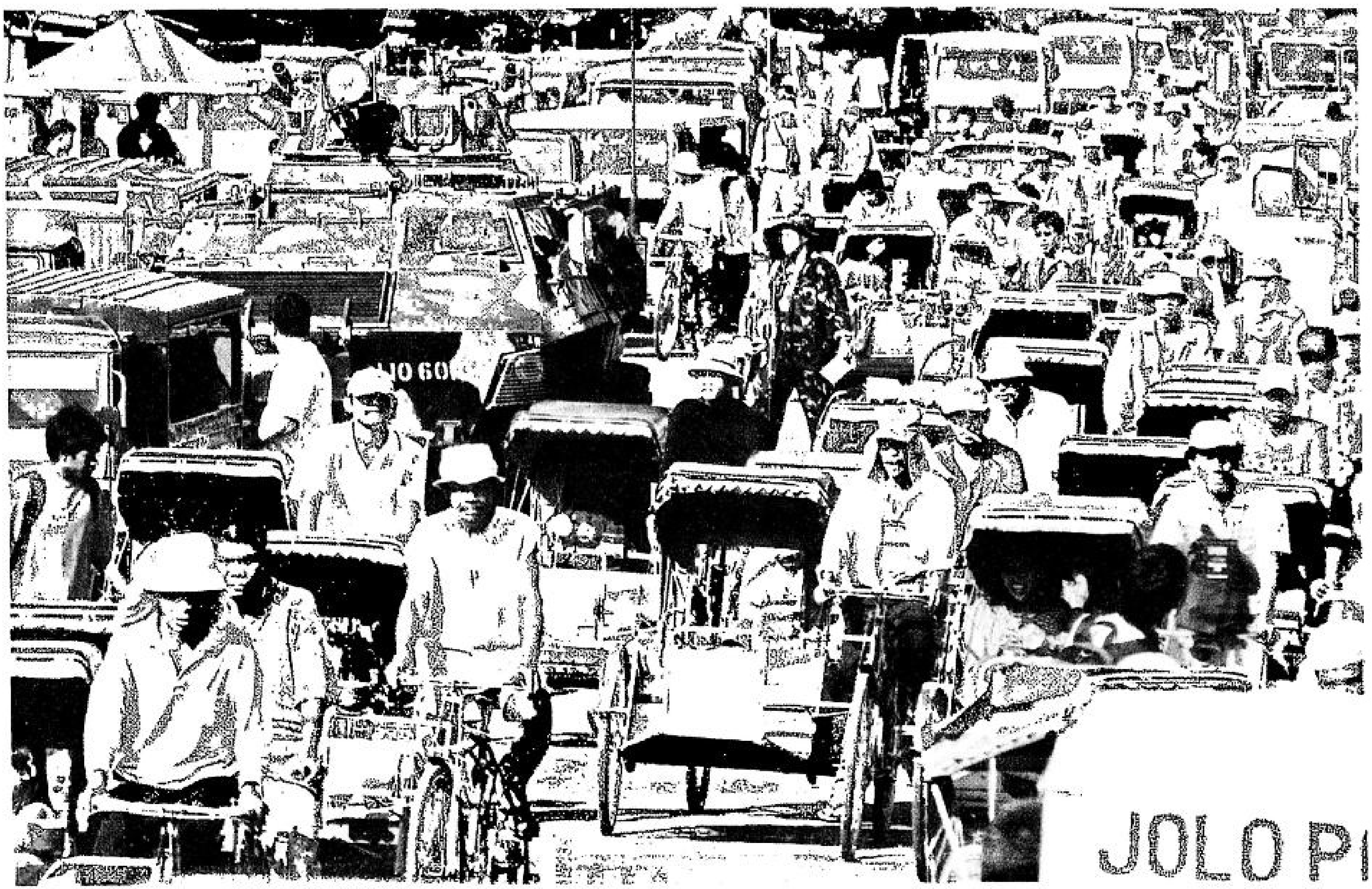

WHAT'S ODD ABOUT THIS PICTURE? An Armored Personnel Carrier is caught smack in a traffic of pedicabs. But then this is Jolo, Sulu, where government troops are set to mount an offensive against the kidnappers should the allotted five-day negotiation period for the unconditional release of the captives fail. DENNIS SABANGAN

Subic reunion: Gordon gets US war veterans

By Jennie L. Ilustre
PDI Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON—Tourism Secretary Richard J. Gordon has launched the Subic Bay Reunion program, tapping tens of thousands of active and retired American servicemen and women who have worked, trained or relaxed at the former American base.

Subic Bay was vital to America's Pacific military presence through the Korean and Vietnam wars with its vast logistics, maintenance and resupply complex. The Philippines terminated the American bases in 1992.

In unveiling the Oct. 19-26, 2003 reunion, Gordon cited the "renewed vibrant relationship between the two countries" as a result of the Philippines' support of the US-led anti-terrorism campaign.

He also expressed hopes that the American military people "will rekindle their fond memories of the Philippines" enough for them to overcome safety concerns on airplanes and in the Philippines.

But on the day Gordon signed an agreement with Military Historical Tours for niche travel packages, "The Washington Post" ran a story on the kidnapping of six Jehovah's Witnesses in Jolo, allegedly by the Abu Sayyaf bandit group linked to the al-

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Marcelo: Looking for 'work for the soul'

SOLICITOR General Simeon Marcelo

By Carlito Pablo

THE JUDICIAL and Bar Council has yet to hold public hearings on nominees for the next Ombudsman but already the word in Malacañang and legal circles is that Simeon Marcelo, the man who had initially studied to be a priest but who opted to become a lawyer, is the person to beat for the powerful post.

"Solicitor General Simeon Marcelo has the inside track," a ranking Palace official told the INQUIRER on condition of anonymity.

Among lawyers in the private sector, there is heavy betting on Marcelo who was once a senior partner and head of the litigation department of the Carpio Villaraza and Cruz law office.

If he is appointed Ombudsman, it will not be the first time Marcelo will have to change his career plans.

He spent seven years in the Jesuit-run San Jose Seminary before it dawned on him that the priesthood was not his true calling. He found it in the legal profession, where he landed in the top 10 of Class 1979 of the University of the Philippines College of Law.

He placed fifth in the bar examinations that year.

Before his appointment to the Office of the Solicitor General in February 2001, Marcelo, who was then deeply involved in pro bono work for indigents, had a plan for what he de-

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They used their coconuts to build a dream farm

By Cesar C. Villariba Jr.
Contributor

(Editor's note: On the occasion of National Coconut Week, the following story shows a boldly creative way to revive the falling coconut industry. The author has seen its rise and fall from inside as a former assistant to the administrator of a newly transformed Philippine Coconut Authority, to later trading coconut oil in the international market at its peak.)

WHEN German Eckard Rempe and his Filipino wife Perla Espino were scouting for farmland to facilitate their transition from artificial plant exporters to organic farmers, they couldn't have known that they would build their dream out of San Benito in Lipa, Batangas.

The farm site was deep in the heartland of the fiercely proud and clannish Batangueños. Inaccessible before the present kilometer stretch of private road was built, one had to negotiate a footpath and cross a creek to reach an untended wilderness hiding an idyllic place at the foot of Mt. Malarayat.

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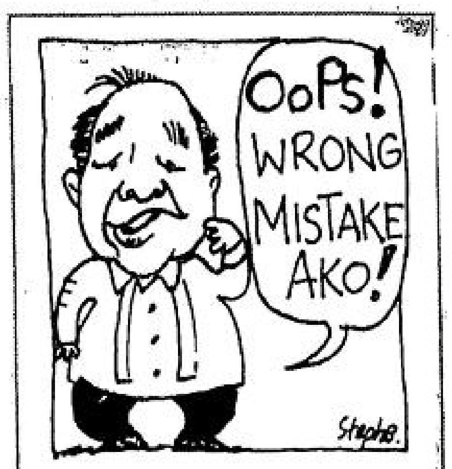
LYNETT VILLARIBA

WHERE she used to hear gunshots echo thru the trees in San Benito, Lipa, Batangas, Perla Rempe and husband Eckard have generated jobs, well-being and knowledge of working with nature. Here, Perla helps in the harvest amid peace and order.



Nobody told Ople of script

SOMEONE should apprise Foreign Secretary Blas Ople of the official line on the recent abduction of six Jehovah's Witnesses in Jolo.

Wrapping up a four-day visit to Malaysia, Ople yesterday said the Abu Sayyaf might have been behind the kidnapping that has embarrassed the administration of President Macapagal-Arroyo.

The statement is directly opposed to what Defense Secretary Angelo Reyes and certain military officials announced on Friday: that drug addicts seeking quick cash, and not the bandit group, were responsible.

Ople said that despite the efforts of the Armed Forces of the Philippines to crush the Abu

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WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: The whole country will experience partly cloudy to cloudy skies with isolated rainshowers and thunderstorms.

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PORK FOR BUDGET

Palace moves to pacify lawmakers

By Juliet Labog-Javellana

MALACAÑANG has moved to pacify House legislators over the delayed pork barrel releases after the lawmakers threatened to sit on next year's budget proposal.

Budget Secretary Emilia Boncodin has sought a meeting with the House minority on Monday afternoon, according to Deputy Minority Leader Rep. Rolex Suplico of Iloilo.

Also on Monday, Boncodin will attend a majority caucus to explain the delay in the release of the legislators' pork barrel, which now goes by the name of the Priority Development Assistance Fund, that goes to finance projects identified by them.

Administration and opposition legislators have been in a mutinous mood, blaming President Macapagal-Arroyo and House Speaker Jose de Venecia for the delay in the release of the funds for their pet projects.

Oust-JDV talk

Talk is rife in the halls of the chamber that some "disenchanted" majority coalition members would move to oust De Venecia.

Boncodin has admitted that Malacañang had withheld the release of the PDAF because of the ballooning budget deficit which has already exceeded the ceiling for the whole year by P3 billion.

A suspicious Suplico wondered why Boncodin would be meeting with the minority separately.

"Maybe the PDAF for the minority will be released ahead (of the majority) and in bigger amounts," he quipped.

The minority took the issue of the budget deficit to the floor last week with Minority Leader Carlos Padilla warning that Malacañang could use the budget crisis to suppress the political opposition.

Suplico said he expected Boncodin to try to "assuage" the legislators' apprehensions over their PDAF.

He also expects her to explain the government's fiscal position, what measures it planned to use to cover the revenue shortfall and whether or not the President would declare a "state of unmanageable national budget deficit."

Suplico and Padilla have warned that such a declaration would empower the President to do whatever she wants with the budget, including withholding the P129 billion Internal Revenue Allotment of local government units and reducing the budget allocations of all departments.

Padilla said this was dangerous because it would undermine the congressional power of the purse and could be used to discriminate against political foes.

Closed-door caucus

De Venecia has called the House majority to a closed-door caucus on Monday to discuss their complaints about the pork and has asked Boncodin to attend the bull session.

De Venecia has defended himself and the President from the irate legislators.

"Instead of whining and cursing the darkness, let us find solutions to the problem," De Venecia told the House members.

"Why is the release of funds slow? It's because of the budget deficit and the President is trying her best to control it," De Venecia said.

His own PDAF has not been released but instead of complaining he has proposed a series of deficit-busting measures, he said.

The budget department has not released the remaining half of the legislators' pork barrel for 2002 because of the huge budget deficit, which has already reached P133 billion as of July, causing an uproar in the House, particularly among those who are worried that failure to deliver projects to constituents could lead to defeat in the next elections.

Unrest, low morale

Rep. Prospero Pichay Jr. of the ruling Lakas confirmed there was unrest and low morale and that this would "practically render the Speaker ineffective."

"If these (pork barrel projects) are unfinished, it will be a waste of public funds and the public perception of this administration will be bad," he warned.

The pork barrel, or the now renamed PDAF, are funds tucked into the budgets of various department which are allocated for projects to be identified by each senator and congressman.

This year alone, the PDAF amounts to P3.3 billion.

Each House legislator is entitled to identify P35 million worth of projects for his or her district and a minimum of another P35 million from the public works funds.

Senators enjoy a bigger share of the pork, each of them getting P100 million of PDAF and P100 million of public works funds.

But the pork barrel is widely known to be a source of kickbacks and reelection funds.

Furthermore, a senator has claimed that as much as 60 percent of the budget for an infrastructure project is lost to corruption.

'Gradual releases'

De Venecia, known for his ability to build multi-party coalitions, is unfazed by the threats to his leadership. Less than 30 of the original 212 House members voted against him in the Speakership fight in 2001.

"Their concerns are being addressed," De Venecia said, adding that Boncodin had personally assured him that there would be "gradual releases" of the funds.

The Speaker made the following proposals to find alternative sources of funds for government operations:

For the courts to speed up the resolution of the $700 million (roughly P35 billion) Marcos escrow account, part of which goes to the human rights claimants; and the P100 billion coconut levy funds to rehabilitate the coconut industry and help millions of coconut farmers.

"We are appealing to the courts to decide it now or within the next 45 days so that these monies can be used as a buffer fund to wipe out the deficit," De Venecia said.

Israel to expel 20,000 Pinoys

By Armand N. Nocum

THE LABOR department has warned Filipinos against entering Israel illegally for work, lest they suffer the fate of 20,000 undocumented OFWs now facing deportation from Tel Aviv.

Labor Undersecretary Manuel Imson issued the warning following reports from the Department of Foreign Affairs that Israel was set to deport 50,000 illegal workers by the end of the year.

Department of Labor and Employment records show that there are about 30,000 overseas Filipino workers in Israel, majority of them caregivers and service workers.

Of this number, 20,000 are considered undocumented, having entered Israel illegally, or as tourists.

In spite of their status, Imson said the government would extend them all necessary assistance should the Israeli government continue the planned crackdown.

Two Filipino workers in Israel were killed in a suicide attack on a bus earlier this month. Despite the danger, there have been continued reports of Filipinos trying to sneak into Israel to find work.

"The welfare of OFWs will continue to be top priority for the Philippine government," Imson assured.

He added that the DFA, DOLE, and other concerned government agencies were in close coordination. "We're strictly monitoring the situation," Imson said, "so that contingency plans could be immediately activated as soon as the need arises.

The newspaper Yedioth Aharonoth earlier reported that the Israeli government had allocated $40 million and deputized at least 400 policemen to carry out the task of arresting and deporting undocumented foreigners. ***With a report from AFP***

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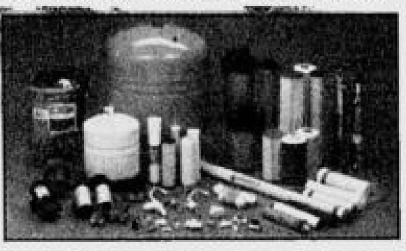

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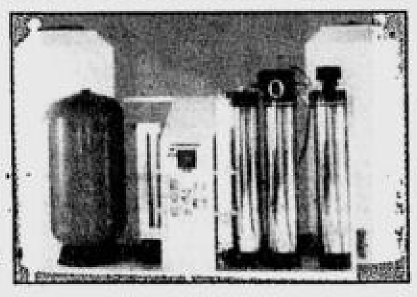

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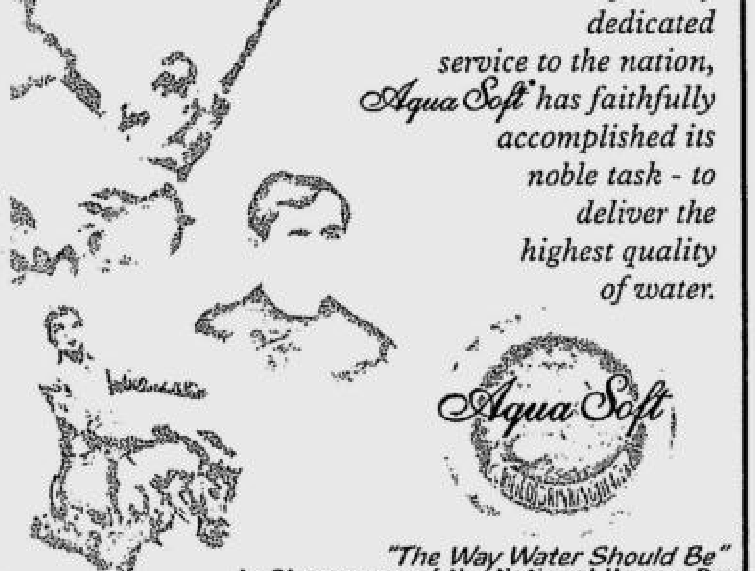

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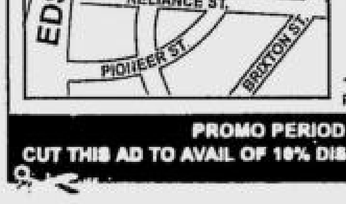

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PAPER One

Shell LPG gas price up

By Abigail L. Ho

PILIPINAS Shell Petroleum yesterday announced it was increasing the price of its liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) by P8.80 per cylinder, or 80 centavos per kilogram, as it can no longer sustain the old rate in the face of steadily rising prices in the world market.

From a previous price range of P250 to P253 per 11kg cylinder, consumers will now have to pay from P258 to P260 per tank for Shell's Shellane.

The new prices took effect at 1 a.m. yesterday. This is the first LPG increase that Shell has effected in 18 months.

Another oil major, Caltex Phil., said it was also considering hiking its LPG prices.

"We'll most probably move LPG (prices) tomorrow or Monday, as soon as we've confirmed final figures," Caltex corporate affairs manager Marian Catedral said in a telephone interview.

Petron Corp., the last of the Big Three, has yet to follow suit.

"There hasn't been any advisory so far so there won't be any movement yet," a company source said.

Shell's general manager for external affairs Robert Kanapi said the company had no choice but to increase prices as the international contract price for LPG had been climbing steadily over the past four months.

Gov't to show hi-tech video on Sabaya killing

By Carlito Pablo

TO PROVE once and for all that Abu Sabaya is dead, Malacañang intends to publicly show a video that supposedly documents the notorious bandit's end.

But first it has to borrow the tape from the United States government. The footage of the June 21 sea battle off the coast of Sibuco, Zamboanga del Norte, had been taken by a US spy plane.

"(The video) is US government property, but it might be a good idea to borrow it again, to remove all doubts," Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye yesterday said over dzBB radio.

He didn't mention where the tape was, or if a copy was available anywhere in the Philippines, but insisted that President Macapagal herself had previously seen the video.

"According to the description of the President," Bunye said, "these (were) heat images. (She could) see figures moving."

The spy plane was among the high-tech equipment brought in by the American military for the six-month RP-US Balikatan exercises in Mindanao.

"With Sabaya's penchant for publicity," Bunye pointed out, "he would have made himself available for interviews, if indeed he was still alive."

The US Embassy has officially declared there was no reason to believe that Sabaya had survived. An eyewitness reiterated this yesterday in a phone interview.

Lt. Col. Ariel Querubin had led the team of Marine commandos and a unit from the Navy Special Warfare Group on board three boats that intercepted and engaged the bandits.

"Sabaya fell into the sea when our assault vessel rammed into their pumpboat," Querubin said. "He was repeatedly shot when he surfaced."

The military subsequently reported that Sabaya and two of his men had been killed in the encounter. Four others were fished out of the water, and one of them later died.

It's official: De Jesus is new education chief

PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo has named university president Edilberto de Jesus as her new education secretary, Executive Secretary Alberto Romulo announced yesterday.

De Jesus, president of the Far Eastern University, will take his oath as a member of the Cabinet on Sept. 15, Romulo said.

In a radio interview, De Jesus confirmed that he had accepted the appointment which Ms Macapagal had offered to him last Thursday.

"I said I was making myself available, but this is sudden and I still have to attend to some work at FEU, so I will start work on Sept. 15," he said.

De Jesus replaces politician and former senator Raul Roco who resigned on Aug. 13 in protest against Ms Macapagal's endorsement of an investigation into corruption allegations against him.

Roco, who placed third in the 1998 presidential race, is seen as a likely 2004 presidential contender.

In his weekly radio program yesterday, Roco said his successor was a good man and a good educator whom he hoped would continue his reforms at the education department.

He advised De Jesus not to allow the reinstitution of the collection of service fees which he had abolished. ***AP with a report from Donna S. Cueto***

US announces $74-M aid package for RP

By Michael Lim Ubac

A $74-MILLION aid package would be poured into the country this year, a ranking official of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) said the other day.

Michael J. Yates, mission director for the Philippines, told reporters at a press conference in Manila that the bulk of the aid was intended for civic projects around the country, particularly in Mindanao.

About $41.2 million, or 60 percent of the total package, was earmarked for the development of war-torn Mindanao, said Yates. This was more than twice the amount given to the region last year, which was $19 million.

The announcement came barely a week after the US State Department issued an advisory discouraging Americans from traveling to Mindanao, due to security risks.

But Yates explained that the aid package was not directly related to America's global war on terrorism. He said the decision to pour more aid into Mindanao was due largely to the incidence of poverty in the region, which was the highest in the country.

The package would not be delivered to local government officials, Yates said. USAID personnel would directly supervise disbursement of the funds through accredited non-government organizations and people's organizations.

Loren: Stop illicit sale of human organs

By Cynthia D. Balana

SENATE Majority Leader Loren Legarda yesterday sought to stop the illicit sale of human organs and tissues for profit by regulating their sale by putting up a unified national system of organ sharing.

"The blatant sale of human organs by greedy Filipinos is no longer a secret," Legarda said. "Stories about this black market have been exposed both by broadcast and print media."

Legarda said that even some hospital staff would admit that many wealthy foreigners who need organ transplant usually come to the Philippines.

In pushing for the immediate passage of Senate Bill No. 615, or "The Human Organ and Tissue Procurement and Transplant Act of 2001," Legarda said a unified system of organ sharing shall include a patient registry to facilitate the success of organ transplant and survival of patients.

Other salient features of the bill:

- The creation of a task force that will conduct a study on all tissues and common problem areas in the human organ and tissue procurement and transplant.
- The prohibition and punishment of individuals engaged in the marketing of human organs and tissues for profit.
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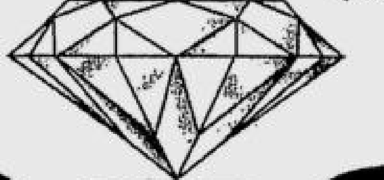

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Man behind SWS poll says foes 'angry at the results'

By Volt Contreras

BUSINESSMAN Michael Go Say, who has admitted to being the sponsor of the recent Social Weather Stations survey that found President Macapagal-Arroyo's satisfaction ratings soaring, has complained of having become the target of "malicious accusations and character assassination" by those who cannot seem to accept the survey results.

"Maybe it's the opposition, they're angry at the results," said Say, who is the founding chair of the Crusade for Better Philippines Movement (CBPM) which commissioned the survey.

The SWS survey, conducted nationwide from Aug. 6 to 9, showed Ms Macapagal's net satisfaction rating zooming to +28 from an earlier +4, the highest that it has been since she came to power in January 2001.

Say said the CBPM had commissioned the survey because it "wanted to promote the country and attract more investors and lenders."

"It's like inviting friends to the birthday of your son. You make sure the house is in order when they arrive. Would you like them to catch you and your spouse in the middle of a quarrel?"

Say and his crusaders, however, have found themselves mired in unwanted negative publicity, their motives questioned and their credibility assailed.

One newspaper last Monday bannered a story asking whether Michael Say was the person of the same name included in a purportedly confidential list of 197 individuals supposedly placed under surveillance by the defunct Narcotics Group for alleged involvement in drug trafficking.

The INQUIRER has also learned that Chanelay Development Corp., a property firm that Say also chairs, is the subject of several complaints filed with the Housing and Land Use Regulatory Board (HLURB).

Disgruntled condominium buyers accuse the company of luring them into making full payment for condominium projects that remain unfinished to this day. They want their money back.

One complainant interviewed by the INQUIRER asked how Say was able to come up with the money to fund the SWS survey in the midst of his cases before the HLURB.

"I can take all these myself, but its very unfair to the other people in the companies I am involved in," said Say when reached yesterday at the Makati office of L&M Maxco, a multinational construction firm of which he is president.

The 43-year-old Say claimed that Philippine National Police chief Hermogenes Ebdane and the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency had cleared him immediately after the report about his being an alleged drug trafficker came out.

As to Chanelay's legal problems, he said: "If we are going to dig this up, we might as well bring up the complaints filed against other real estate developers," suggesting that his company was not alone in this predicament given the current state of the property market.

"During the boom years from 1995 to 1996, we constructed many (condo) projects; some were completed, some were shelved. The HLURB complainants are basically asking for refunds and we are now in the process of one-on-one negotiations," he said.

He said it was unfair to drag Chanelay into the picture, equating its situation with his own capacity as a private citizen to contribute "a little" for the survey, which CBPM had funded based on a "collective decision" of its members.

But what he considered the most wicked was the attempt to make the CBPM look like a fly-by-night affair, Say said.

The day the survey results came out, a TV news crew traced the address of the movement—listed in an SWS statement as No. 44 Scout Borromeo St., Quezon City—and reported that it was a car repair shop.

"It was really malicious. Someone placed a tin plate marked 44 in front of the shop, which is about 30 meters from our real office on the ground floor of the eight-story Chanelay Mansions," Say said.

He also corrected an earlier INQUIRER report quoting an office secretary as saying that he "gives advice" to First Gentleman Mike Arroyo, Agrarian Reform Secretary Hernani Braganza, Justice Amado Valdez of the Office of the Government Corporate Counsel, and Justice Undersecretary Jose Calida.

He said his only encounters with Arroyo had been during medical missions that happened to be held in the same areas by their respective volunteer groups.

Say said he never gives "advice" but is actually still in the process of writing "position papers" in behalf of CBPM to be sent to Braganza, Valdez and Calida.

He said the group was pushing for the development of commercial farming in the country as a way of spurring investments in the rural areas, a thrust that would also involve addressing "constitutional barriers" to land ownership.

But having been engaged in the media business himself, Say said he can roll with the punches, adding, only half-jokingly, that he was just trying to salvage what was left untainted of his image.

SAY says he can roll with the punches.

Gloria visits kin of OFW

PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo yesterday visited the family of Joselito Alejo, one of the three overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) who were acquitted in a murder case in Saudi Arabia.

The President assured the wife of Joselito, Mrs. Dalisay Alejo, of government help to bring her husband to the country as soon as possible, a Palace statement said.

The three Filipinos were acquitted by a Saudi court on July 22 and are now awaiting clearances from the Saudi government before their repatriation to the Philippines.

During her visit, the President comforted Alejo's wife and daughter Ann Camille, 13, saying she is glad that Alejo was acquitted of the charges.

"At least this is a happy occasion for us," the President told the Alejo family.

Mrs. Alejo thanked the President and other government agencies, particularly the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), for helping her husband.

The President directed the Department of Labor and Employment to help Alejo find another overseas job as soon as he comes back from Saudi Arabia.

Mrs. Alejo said her husband has been an OFW since 1980.

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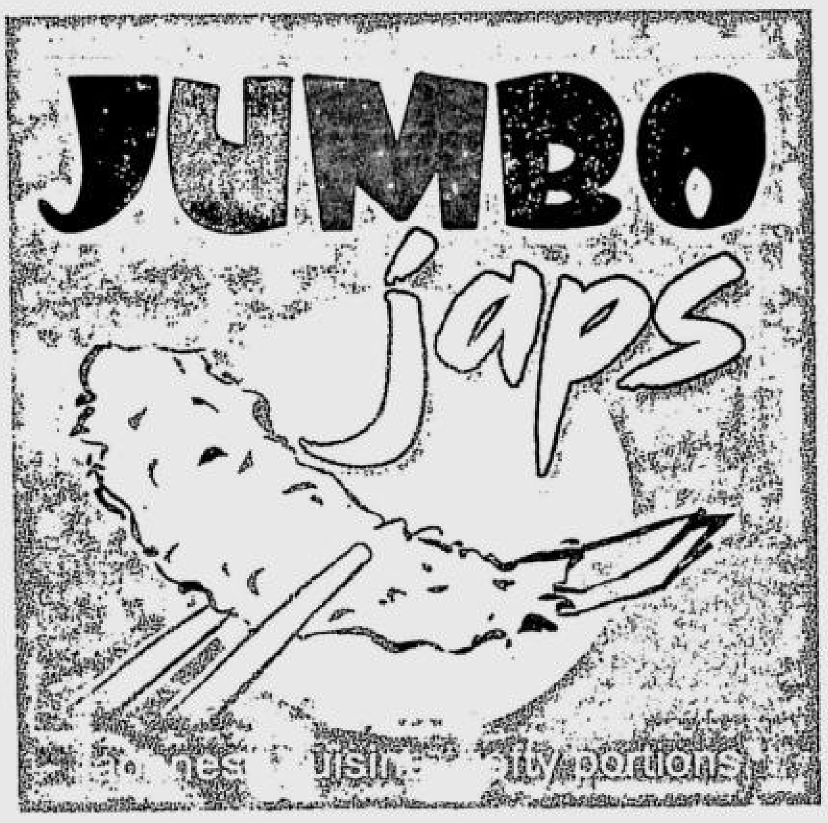

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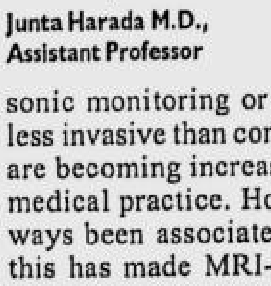

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The term IVR, which is the abbreviation for "interventional radiology", refers to the use of diagnostic imaging techniques for interventional procedures, such as histological diagnosis or therapy. Specifically, the procedures include insertion of needles or catheters for biopsy, drainage, and occlusion or dilation of vessels. These are often guided by X-ray TV, angiography, ultrasonic monitoring or X-ray CT. These procedures are less invasive than conventional surgical approaches and are becoming increasingly important in contemporary medical practice. However, X-ray guided IVR has always been associated with a high radiation dose and this has made MRI-guided intervention attractive as the technological development of MRI has proceeded. Advantages of MRI in intervention include: absence of ionising radiation; high tissue and spatial resolution; availability of tomographic images in any desired orientation; availability of information on blood flow; and no requirements for contrast medium.

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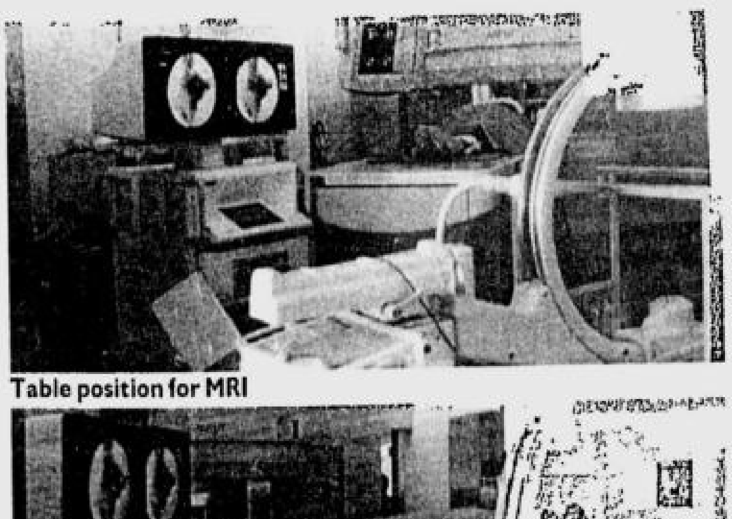

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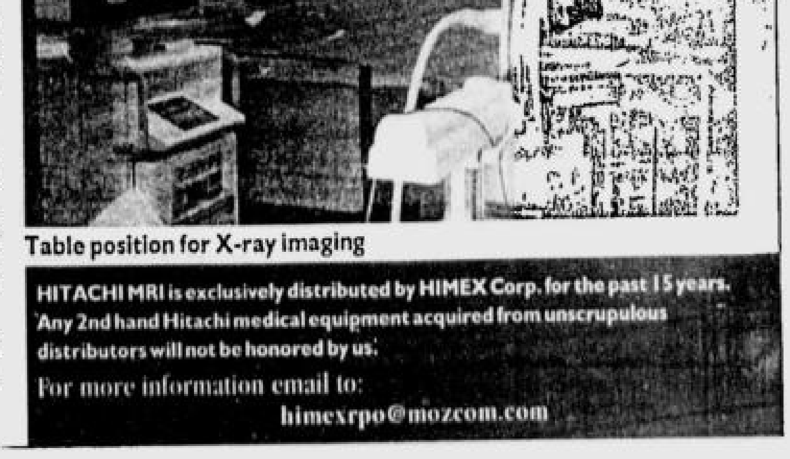

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HEROES' DAY

Children play in the shade of a huge tree at the Libingan ng mga Bayani in Fort Bonifacio, Makati City. The National Heroes' Day is now celebrated every last Sunday of August.

NEWSBRIEFS

Probe sought on deficit

SENATE President Franklin Drilon yesterday pushed for an investigation into the huge budgetary deficit of the government in order to determine and correct the causes for the shortfall. Drilon has blamed the inefficiency and corruption in the Bureau of Internal Revenue for the shortfall in tax collections.

Specifically, he wanted to know if the shortfall in tax collections was due alone to poor tax administration, or if there were other contributory factors, such as faulty tax policies and tax laws.

He said there was a need to determine whether the tax system, particularly the tax reform laws adopted and implemented at the beginning of the 90s might also have been responsible.

Drilon cited the BIR policy of requiring payment of taxes through banks. He said the tax payment scam discovered at the Land Bank of the Philippines branch in Binangonan, Rizal may just be the "tip of the iceberg." *Cynthia D. Balana*

BFP under fire

SEN. Robert Barbers has sought an inquiry into the alleged anomalies in the procurement of supplies and repair of fire fighting equipment in the Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) amounting to millions of pesos.

In filing Senate Resolution No. 410, Barbers said his committee on public order and illegal drugs will look into the issue considering that BFP has been the subject of numerous controversies on the reported irregular transactions, which resulted in the relief of several of its chiefs.

"Despite the numerous investigations conducted by various agencies, it seems that it only fell on the deaf ears of its administrators because past and present bureau directors could not curb the alleged widespread corruption within the BFP," he said. *Cynthia D. Balana*

Youth summit in Egypt

A DELEGATION of young Filipinos is scheduled to fly to Alexandria, Egypt for the Youth Employment Summit (YES2002) on Sept. 7-11. YES2002 is a global campaign to identify and spread creative youth employment strategies.

In preparation, the delegation is launching the Philippine YES Country Network (Phil YES), a coalition of 18 youth organizations and individuals, headed by the Youth for Sustainable Development Assembly-Pilipinas.

Phil YES plans to initiate demonstration projects and training modules on youth employment.

Catherine Kamping, Phil YES Country Coordinator, will make a presentation on the Phil YES projects at the summit, which is expected to draw over 2000 delegates worldwide.

Ana Pascual, youth delegate and Phil YES media coordinator, said "It's about time the youth chart for themselves a blueprint for their future instead of simply accepting what has already been decided for them by the world's leaders."

Baguio Club excursion

THE BAGUIO Club of Metro Manila will celebrate Baguio City's Foundation Day on Sept. 1 with a daylong excursion to the Agape Springs Ecological, Farms in Dasmariñas (at the border of Silang), Cavite. Activities include a sweet corn festival, a nature foods *tiangge*, a visit to the Domini Torrevillas Herbal Farm, an Araos exhibit of Filipino bonsai, and a tree planting cum nature walk. Quezon City Mayor Sonny Belmonte, who hails from Baguio, is a special guest at the celebration. For inquiries and registration, call any of the following numbers: 431-9195 (Olive for Titong Crisologo), 912-8332 or 911-1894 (Levi Vera Cruz Alabanza, afternoons only), 931-5519 (Tony Floresca), 931-3306 (Annie Cosalan) or 931-0056 (Baby for Carmen Gatmaytan).

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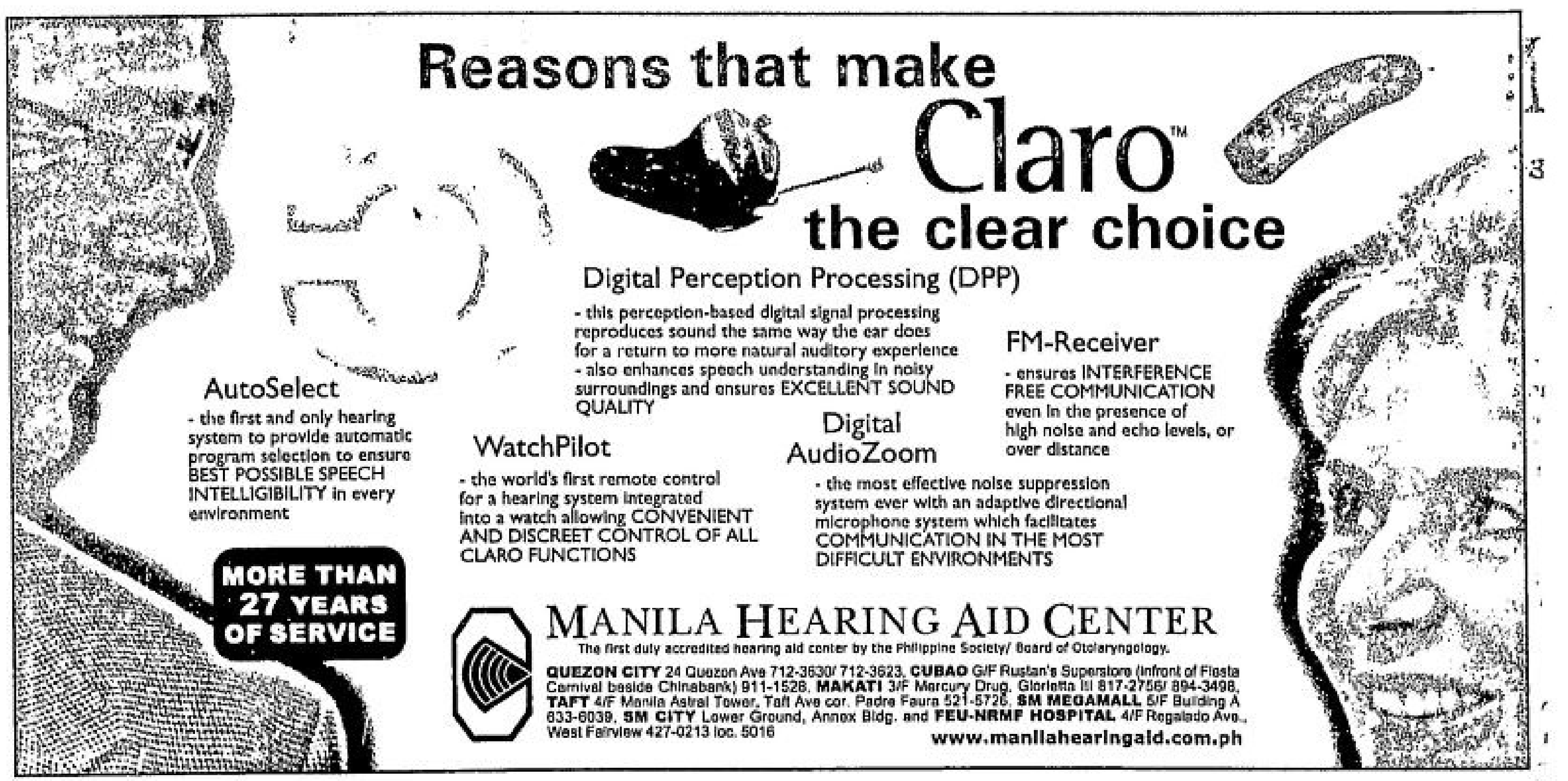

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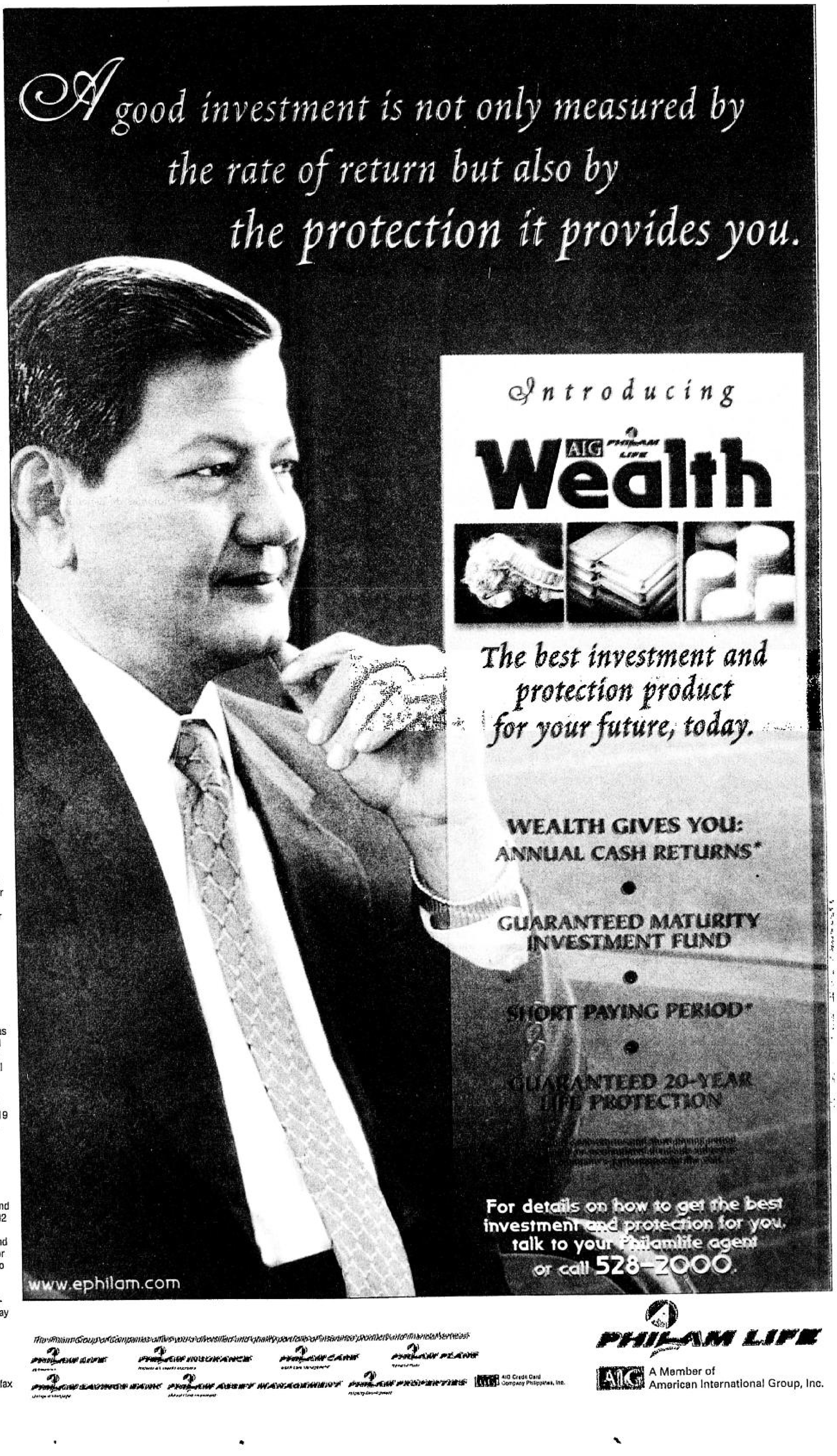

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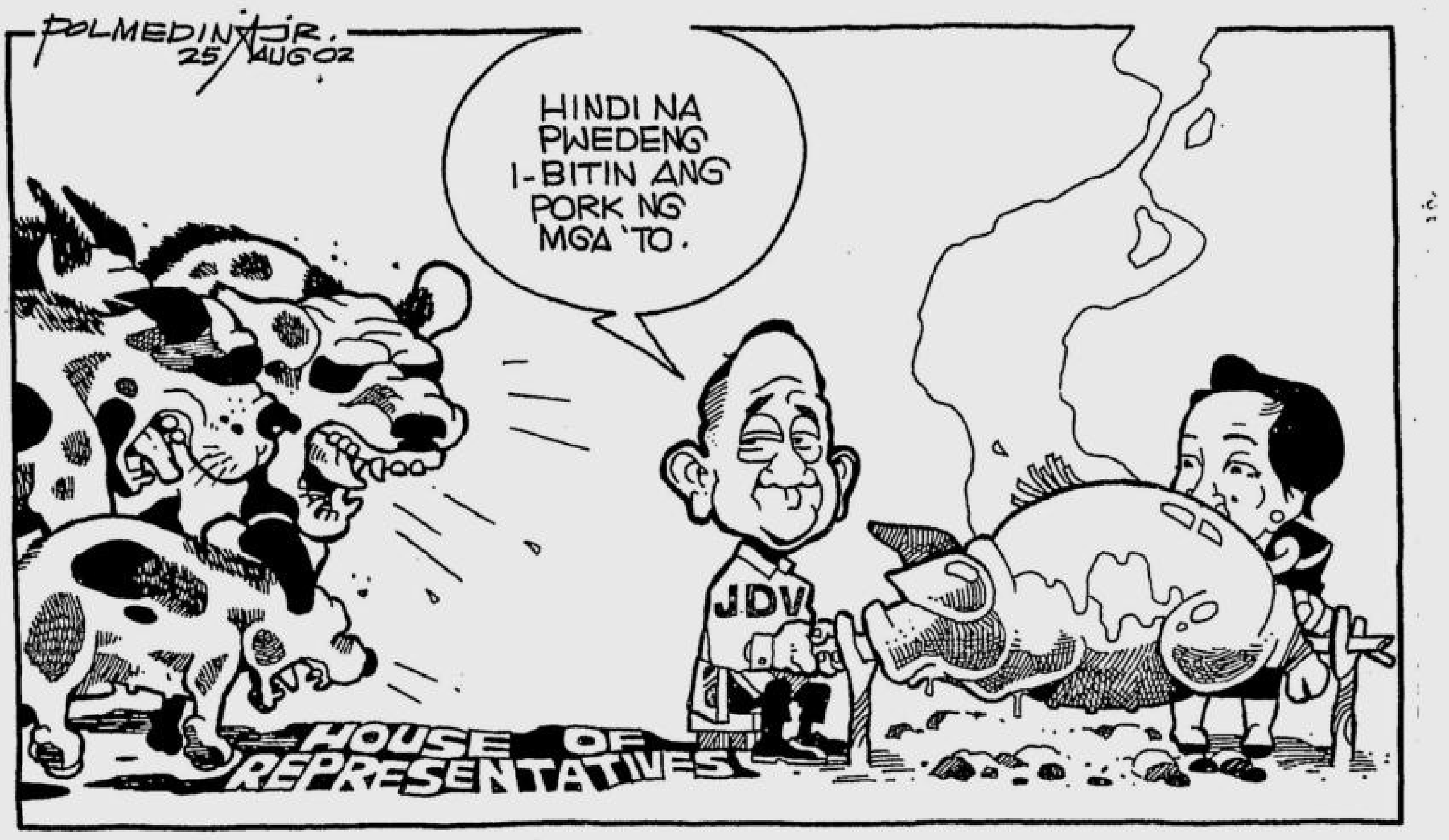

Boat people

EDITORIAL

ADD more names to the tens of thousands of lives claimed by the Moro wars of the 1970s. Since Malaysia cracked down last month on undocumented Filipinos living in Sabah, eyewitnesses say at least six infants have died from hunger while in prison. The actual death toll may be higher. As of yesterday, the deadline the Malaysian government set for paperless Filipinos to leave, hundreds had already been arrested and then deported back to Mindanao. Many of them bore unforgettable tales of horror.

They were in Sabah, in the first place, because the secessionist wars three decades ago had driven them or their parents there. They had fled the battle zones not so much in search of a better life, but in desperate need of the possibility of life: they wanted to get away from all the killing. Today, there are tens of thousands of them in Sabah, and many of them remain poor.

Commodore Ernesto de Leon, commander of Naval Forces South, described the first refugees streaming back to the country thus: "Poor, poor, poor, the poorest of the poor." His words add a second layer of tragedy to the new refugee problem. The Filipino migrants have not only been thrown out of Sabah; they're as vulnerable and helpless as when they got in. Malaysia has its reasons for the crackdown—there is no arguing about that. But the Malaysian government's heavy-handed approach violates civil and human rights, and there can be no justification for it.

Consider the case of the residents in Kampong Karansangan, where the undocumented—children included—were brought to languish in prison, with little food and less water. The prisoners, one eyewitness said in Tausog, "slept most of the time on the cement floor to stave off hunger." Among the 200 or so prisoners, six babies died of starvation.

Or consider the case of the 173 deportees, mostly women and children, who were packed by Malaysian authorities inside the F/B Jamilla, a small fishing boat with a maximum capacity of 30 passengers, and then sent off-if the weather permitted—to return to the Philippines. They reached dry land only because the Navy ship BRP Sultan Kudarat chanced upon them and brought them on board.

This is not to say that only the Malaysian government is at fault. The problem of undocumented Filipinos in Sabah is not a new one, and Kuala Lumpur's threat to begin a major campaign against illegal aliens was made a long time ago. For lack of money, or imagination—or both—our own government's response was predictable: still too little, much too late.

The government of Zamboanga City, where thousands of forced or voluntarily repatriated Filipinos have disembarked, has also sounded the alarm over the new refugee problem's social costs: unemployment, squatting, crime, even terrorists wearing refugees' clothing.

At first glance, Mayor Maria Clara Lobregat's concerns are valid, and the national government must help her city find and then fund a long-term solution to the problem. But on closer look, Lobregat's lament has too much of us-versus-them about it. Her pronouncements reveal a lack of compassion for the refugees, who are presented as bearers of bad tidings who have upset the social equilibrium in fair Zamboanga.

In contrast, De Leon and Vice Adm. Victorino Hingco, flag officer in command of the Navy, struck the right note when they compared the plight of the new refugees with that of the Vietnamese boat people, who took to the high seas after the fall of Saigon in 1975. "If we could do it for the Vietnamese, how much more should we be helping our own countrymen," Hingco said.

He was referring to the use of Navy ships to ferry the deportees, but he had a larger point. In the 1970s, the Philippines hosted the largest concentration of Vietnamese boat people, many of whom used the refugee centers in Palawan and Bataan as staging points for immigration to the United States and other countries. Social costs were involved, too, but in the accounting books of the international community, the country came out ahead. Now, when our own people are at risk—when we are, so to speak, in the same boat—can we do any less?

Re-election or not?

SEPARATE OPINION

Isagani A. Cruz

SOME months ago, there was a front-page picture in this paper of President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo doing a ritual dance in ethnic costume with some indigenous people from the North. A few weeks later, she was again in tribal garb, this time with the natives of their ancestral domains in the South. There was recently a picture of her, also on the front page of the INQUIRER, with her hand on her hip and her eyes on the camera and looking like a commercial model. And last Monday, La Gloria was featured again, on the front page, of course, praying with Mike Velarde before the massive El Shaddai audience gathered to felicitate their leader on the eve of his birth anniversary.

Joseph Estrada can no longer celebrate with him, but Velarde has a new well-wisher in the person of the present President. She will need his support in 2004, when she hopes to be President again, but in her own right by direct election of the people and not as mere constitutional successor to her disgraced predecessor. For this same reason, one can expect that she will pay similar tribute when Eraño Manalo celebrates his own birth anniversary or that of the Iglesia ni Cristo over which he exerts his own irresistible influence. (Somebody said obedience to him is part of his or her religious doctrine.) Naturally, Cardinal Sin will not be forgotten by the worshipful Ms Macapagal, although his own flock is not as docile as Velarde's or Manalo's.

It is quite obvious, except only to the more obtuse among us, or to the most fanatical of her followers, that President Gloria is already on the campaign trail. Her political gimmickry is as plain as the poster of her carrying a rose and trying to look like Nora Aunor that was plastered all over the country in 1998 to attract the *bakya* crowd. Her television sessions exposing suspected criminals whom she has already convicted (although the Constitution presumes them innocent until the contrary is proved) and punishing them with "humiliation" have reportedly increased her approval rating although the objectivity of that survey is being questioned.

Although her political play-acting may be effective with the easily deceived, it is causing a lot of rancor or at least impatience among the responsible citizenry. President Gloria's drive for the presidency in 2004 is patently premature at this time although she may claim to be only doing her duty to be a President of all the people. Maybe her comparison to Margaret Thatcher has gone to her head. Wearing ethnic costumes in tribal dances and truckling to the *bakya* crowd for their electoral support will not make her the Iron Lady in these parts.

What the nation has not seen of her, or not much of it so far, is responsible leadership. This was not manifested in her active involvement in the recent Senate row, which should have been settled among the senators themselves as an internal problem of their chamber. The presidential enticement of Sen. Blas F. Ople from the opposition ranks was a reprise of her father's raid on the Nacionalista Party to form the Allied Majority in 1961 and place the House of Representatives under the Liberal Party. Her treatment of Vice President Teofisto Guingona and former Secretary Raul Roco, her possible presidential rivals in 2004, was hardly statesmanlike and definitely discourteous.

Would things be different if President Macapagal were not seeking re-election as she undeniably is? Given her outstanding academic qualifications, I can imagine that she would devote her best efforts to seriously improving the state of the nation without thought of self-aggrandizement except to leave an honored name in the history of our country as a leader who worked for its welfare as her first and foremost goal.

There is much virtue in the rule prohibiting re-election, but it may also operate adversely. The rule may encourage the incumbent official to memorialize his tenure with outstanding achievements not motivated by a selfish desire to remain in office by the people's will. But it may also induce the said official to make the most of his term by gratifying his own personal interests, knowing that he does not have to win the people's confidence and accolade because he cannot be rewarded with another term.

Last Monday, a letter to the editor castigated Mayor Joey Marquez of Parañaque City for neglecting the problems of his constituency during his third and last term in his present position. As a resident of this city, I share reader Sonny C. Cuenco's dismay over Marquez's sins of commission and omission that have prejudiced even those who have elected him three times as their mayor. Indeed, many of our streets are in disrepair, traffic is getting worse, garbage is again piling up while our mayor is "playing golf in Cebu, or shooting a second-rate comedy abroad, or horsing around on prime-time television," besides complicating his romantic life.

Would Mayor Marquez perform better if he could still run for another term? Ask President Gloria.

Pro-per

MOMENTS

Fr. Jerry M. Orbos, SVD

HAVE you heard the story about two professional killers waiting in ambush in a dark alley? When their target did not show up at the expected time, the first professional killer said: "He is supposed to pass this way. How come he is not yet here?" The second killer was supposed to have said, "That's right. I hope nothing bad happened to him!"

This story shows that no matter how professional you are (or you think you are), there is still a part of you that will always be personal. By all means, be professional. But don't forget to be personal. Be personal, but likewise, don't forget to be professional. In other words, be a pro, but also be a person. Be pro-per. Proper!

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In today's Gospel (Mt. 16, 13-20), Jesus asks, "Who do people say I am?" And he receives varied "professional" responses from the apostles. Then, he goes further with the question, "But who do you say I am?" And he evokes a personal response from Peter: "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God!"

We see here that Jesus always goes beyond the professional. He reminds us again that more than what we profess, it is who we are and what we really believe in that matter. In other words, a Christian is one who is pro-per, but more of the personal. A Christian who is proper may end being just prim and proper. Nothing wrong with that, except that those who are prim and proper never quite become "the salt of the earth" or "the light of the world" who really make a difference.

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Ours is a world of not only production but easy reproductions. Ours is a world that is so caught up with "Xeroxing," forwarding and pirating.

Likewise, it is so easy to copy and "parrot" convictions. We must take time to really sift what we value and believe in. It is so easy to lose sight of the heart, the personal in this pragmatic and professional world. Go for the person, go for conviction. The world may not wait for you, or may not have a place for you, but be personal anyway. Do not lose your real treasure (people, not things) in this world. Do not lose your God, your personal relationship with Him through it all.

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I know of a father who has become so professional—even in his relationship with his family. He has gone up the corporate ladder, but in his old age he is lonely and alone up there. His real friends are not there. Even his children are not there. Don't end up like him. Don't lose your "personal touch."

Remember, before, after, over and above, and beyond your profession and function, you are a person. *Magpakatao ka!*

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Likewise, let us be careful of pharisaicism and legalism in our religion. All our prayers and worship can end up as mere rituals and lip service if there is no heart. Furthermore, all our serving and ministry can end up as mere functions if we do not put heart and conviction into it. May we be remembered not just as someone who did this and did that and who had this and who had that. May we be remembered as someone who really was a father, a brother, a sister, a friend, or simply, a someone who was there. Be a someone, not a somebody.

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Allow me to share with you my "Memento as you go through life." I wrote it in 1980 just before my ordination to the priesthood wherein I summed up for myself the things I really believe in.

A Memento as you go through life... There are so many beautiful things deep inside you which this world will never understand or listen to, for neither has it the time nor the interest to care... But hold on to your peace, that peace which the world cannot give or take away, that peace which is so secure that you can speak your truth quietly and clearly. Go through life seeking not so much to be understood as to understand, seeking neither fortune nor fame—illusions as they are, not solutions. Love, that's all there is... Keep working on love, for love is your life mission, your only secure achievement through the years. Remember that you are worth not for what you have, not even for who you are but what others have become because of you. Every person is worth stopping for. In the thick of the grindsparks and the flashbulbs, don't miss the candleglow... GOD LOVES YOU! Courage! You are far more important than a sparrow, you are loved more than you know. Yes, He is always with you. Be brave. Life can sometimes be tough and people mean and uncaring, but always, there will be friends. Every person is a potential friend. You have a sure friend in Him, and of course there's always you, your own best friend! What matters most, in the end, is that you lived a life that is full, beautiful, meaningful and grateful... So amidst the many trials, difficulties and onslaughts of life, SMILE, don't cry, for the truth is, "This world was never meant for one as beautiful as you." Be grateful, always.

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A moment with the Lord:

Lord, let me not lose sight of persons in my functions and in my profession. Amen.

Housing security for the urban poor

COMMENTARY

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MALACAÑANG is probably very pleased with the rise in the President's popularity ratings in the latest Social Weather Stations survey. Her press secretary has credited this development to her handling of the Abu Sayyaf and the purchased power adjustment (PPA) and the tough stance she has taken against criminality.

Yet her performance on these issues can at best be considered as qualified successes. The Abu Sayyaf has not been totally annihilated and the PPA issue continues to fester as new facts are brought to light on the anomalous contracts forged with some independent power producers (IPPs) and the reported payola in Congress in connection with the passage of the Electric Power Industry Reform Act last year. As for criminality, notwithstanding the series of arrests and cases filed against criminal elements in the last few weeks, we still have a long way to go before ordinary citizens can actually feel more secure inside and outside their homes.

There are less known accomplishments of the Macapagal administration that might have improved the people's confidence in the President and her capacity to get things done, especially where poverty is concerned. In an assessment done by some civil society groups of the first one and half years of President Macapagal-Arroyo vis-à-vis the commitments she made in her first State of the Nation Address last year, she received one of the highest marks for her performance in housing.

An important component of the President's housing accomplishments has been the issuance of a number of presidential proclamations declaring certain government-owned lands in cities open for disposition to their urban poor occupants. Urban poor organizations and NGOs have hailed this move as a breakthrough in providing poor urban settlers access to land and housing in centrally located areas close to their places of work. This stands in sharp contrast to the policy of squatter relocation to out-of-city sites which has been consistently pursued by the government from the time of President Marcos. Moreover, NGOs have noted a decrease in the number of large-scale squatter evictions and demolitions in connection with government infrastructure projects.

These measures suggest that the government is at last taking decisive steps to broaden poor people's access to security of housing tenure. Urban development experts have long claimed that providing the poor with housing security is key to enhancing their economic opportunities. With the series of presidential land proclamations (and more are coming), the government is embarking on an asset reform program that is likely to have a major impact on urban poverty.

There is, however, the question of finding the best way to maximize the use of lands to enable the government to respond to the housing needs of poor families. The traditional way the government has disposed of land has been through the awarding of titles. It takes many years for a title to be finally awarded to a beneficiary and this is contingent on full payment of site-development costs.

There are other ways of providing housing security to the urban poor which can be applied to the proclaimed areas, such as the grant of long-term leases or occupancy rights to the resident families. The advantage of this mode of disposition is that it enables the government to distribute use rights without relinquishing its power to use the land at some future time to provide housing to other urban poor families. This is particularly advantageous in the context of rapidly rising urban density, which is certainly true of Metro Manila.

Deciding on the proper and most socially advantageous mode of disposition of these government-owned lands is the challenge facing the governmental bodies now tasked to oversee the process of implementing the presidential proclamations. Aside from the mode of disposition, the appropriate pricing, financing and repayment schemes are issues that have yet to be discussed and resolved.

As far as financing is concerned, the scheme that has worked well with the urban poor is the Community Mortgage Program (CMP). The CMP gives loans to community associations for the purchase of land, site development and house construction at 6 percent interest over 25 years. This lending facility could therefore be made available for the residents of those proclaimed areas where the government intends to give full ownership rights. Amortization costs would likely be lower compared to regular CMP projects since land acquisition costs for these government-owned lands would be minimal.

In the absence of any other lending program catering to informal workers and urban poor settlers, one would expect the government to increase the budget for CMP for 2003 to allow for an increased volume of loan take-outs for the benefit of residents of the proclaimed sites on top of the regular community-initiated CMP projects. Instead, CMP's 2003 budget has been drastically cut for reasons only the Department of Budget and Management knows. While it is true that the available CMP funds as of June this year are about P900 million, total CMP loan applications and projects in the pipeline amount to more than P2.6 billion. If the government fails to increase the budget for CMP, it can only mean that the proclaimed areas would have to wait after 2003 to access any funding through CMP and that regular CMP projects would have to contend with slower take-outs.

Both would be a real tragedy given the high expectations stirred up by the President's initiatives during her first year in office.

Dancing and dreaming

AT LARGE

Rina Jimenez-David

THE BUZZ after the staging of "Shoes ++," a presentation of Ballet Philippines last year, centered mainly around the last dance, "Tambol at Padyak," which had street children and other young dancers joining the BP company as they romped and jumped, tumbled and frolicked on stage.

"Tambol at Padyak," choreographed by Tony Fabella, won the Alab ng Haraya Award for choreographic excellence given by the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) last month. And live onstage, it does not disappoint.

From the moment the first young performers, from the Quezon City Performing Arts Development Foundation Inc. and Dancers Inc., stepped onstage, to the finale in which everyone stomped out a rhythmic beat in their *bakyas*, "Tambol at Padyak" was one long celebration of dance, movement and rhythm. The sheer joy and exuberance of dance was reflected—dazzlingly—in the smiles that wreathed the faces of the children, in their frisky bodies daring to breach physical limitations and the energy that fairly leaped out of the stage.

But there was also palpable discipline and order. For what made the performance truly impressive was not that the children moved with energy—they always do—but that they did so with the confidence and coordination of professionals. Through dance, the children's teachers—Fabella, Luther Perez and Eddie Elejar for the QCPADFI, and Joy Coronel for Dancers Inc.—plucked the children from their lives of poverty and aimlessness, and placed them onstage, transformed into confident performers.

This miracle was performed everywhere BP brought "Shoes ++" in the course of its multicity tour, said BP president Maan Hontiveros. Tapping children from every locality to perform on "Tambol at Padyak," BP sent teachers ahead to work with the children. "And at the end of every rehearsal, the children would be crying, having come to love the experience," said Maan. This sentiment would then be shared by the children's families and neighbors at every performance which often ended with the audience on their feet, cheering.

Indeed, as the programme said, the dance outreach projects are about "more than just teaching underprivileged children to dance. It's teaching them to dream."

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THE REST of "Shoes ++" attempts to demonstrate the versatility and reach of the BP company, reenergized with a crop of young, supple and daring dancers.

Easily drawing the most attention, aside from "Tambol at Padyak," is "Flippers," yet another variation of Alden Lugnasin's propensity for spoofing and sending up classical ballet. "Flippers" makes for an excellent visual pun, dancers clad in black unitards and phosphorescent flippers and swimming masks. The flippers violate every rule of classical dance where the dancers seeming float on air and defy gravity on pointes. Awkward just to walk with on solid ground, the flippers make a horrendous noise as the dancers plak! plak! plak! their way across stage. And when the dancers lie on the floor, fluttering their glowing flippers, they resemble nothing so much as guppies in their death throes.

Unfortunately, the joke is overextended, and long after the audience gets the point, the dancers are made to go from one absurd arrangement to another, severely trying our patience.

The rest of "Shoes ++" are likewise demonstration pieces of modern dance technique and physical vitality, with varying results. They do tend to be self-indulgent and over-extended, something BP choreographers must guard against in the future. In contrast, "Tambol at Padyak" seemed much too brief, and I felt like shouting "Show me more of the children!" as the show came to an end. If only they could bottle and market the energy and pure joy of those dancing kids!

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A FEW days ago, President Macapagal-Arroyo was shown on TV congratulating the performers of a local musical "Alikabok." This is something the President's media handlers have failed to highlight about her, for even before she moved to Malacañang, the President has been an avid supporter of local arts, taking time to watch even obscure campus productions. I was happy for the cast, crew and producers of "Alikabok," for the President's presence at least validated their years of dedication to the cause of local theater.

The hubby and I managed to catch "Alikabok" last week, on a rainy night that had us braving a sudden shower from Lolo Mao's across the parking lot to the Music Museum. At once, I felt bad about not having our children join us, for our son was deep in a school project while our daughter was down with the flu. The message of "Alikabok," after all, was that the past is never truly lost or irretrievable, and it is up to today's generation to keep tradition and culture alive and meaningful in today's context.

The cast has already won praise, especially Cris Villonco as Bising, Jeffrey Hidalgo as Ignacio, Waya Gallardo as Anna, bride of Bising's great-grandson who comes to identify with Bising's courage and strength, and Cacai Bautista, who often steals the show as Rosita the loudmouthed maid. But for the hubby, an industrial designer, what was most impressive was the production design, setting off the stage action and colorful costumes against stark white sets that suggested the lines and atmosphere of the ancestral Vallejo home.

To our surprise, we found that "Alikabok's" production designer Gino Gonzales likewise did the impressive set for "Shoes ++," white shelves that suggested the shoe section of a department store. In ways beyond performance, Filipino artistry shines through!

The absentee voting law

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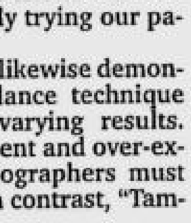

Randy David

ALMOST everyone recognizes the right to vote of all qualified Filipinos residing abroad. The 1987 Constitution explicitly instructs Congress to pass a law that will make absentee voting possible. Sixty-four bills have been filed to give flesh to the Constitution's mandate, and five successive Congresses have intermittently debated its provisions. Yet for the last 15 years, our legislators have failed to pass this law.

What appears to be at issue is not the right to vote itself, but the details of its implementation. I suspect that Congress wants to be very sure that defects that seem inherent in our whole electoral system are not reproduced and allowed to further complicate an already problematic process.

There is definitely a need to review the Omnibus Election Code and to ask why so many of its important provisions are not being implemented. But it is not fair to continue denying overseas Filipinos the right to vote just because we do not trust our existing electoral process. We should not expect a supplementary law like the Absentee Voting Law to perform the more general task of reforming our electoral system.

To postpone giving overseas Filipinos the right to vote until we can find a 100-percent tamper-proof method for registering them and counting their ballots is to place our accumulated distrust in our political culture ahead of our hopes. It would be like limiting the right of suffrage to those with property out of fear that the propertyless would sell their votes, or to men out of fear that women, having less education, would not know how to exercise this right. Had we allowed ourselves to be intimidated by these fears, the women and the poor in our country would have remained disenfranchised spectators to our political life.

To demand guarantees against cheating beyond what is reasonable, and on the basis of our own worst expectations about human nature, is to act like *caciques* reluctantly dispensing rights to ignorant peasants. I am willing to bet, having seen the passion with which overseas Filipino workers' groups have campaigned for the passage of the absentee voting bill, that the conduct of the absentee vote will be far more orderly than any election held within the country. Modern technology has made it much easier than we can imagine to monitor complex processes and track their outcomes. It has also made it possible for individuals living in different parts of the world to regularly interact with one another and form viable communities.

Yet, to be fair, Congress cannot entirely be blamed for wanting to craft a law that already incorporates the detailed implementing rules and regulation. The mandate found in Art. V, Sec. 2 of the Constitution calls for "a system for securing the secrecy and sanctity of the ballots as well as a system of absentee voting by qualified Filipinos abroad." This curious phrasing puts the safeguards ahead of the more important provision for the absentee voting right itself. At once, the formulation alerts one to the risks to which the voting process is exposed when it is not conducted all the way under the watchful presence of electoral officials.

It is amazing to see the inordinate attention given to matters of implementation in a nation's fundamental law. I think it is symptomatic of the paranoid way in which we have tended to conduct the business of government. The laws and policies by which we run our nation's life seem to be driven less by the need to achieve certain goals than by the concern to prevent their abuse. An attitude like this is bound to produce an accretion of negatively oriented laws whose main reason for existence is to plug loopholes in existing procedures.

One can almost read, for example, the whole history of cheating in our country between the lines of our massive Omnibus Election Code. What we have codified here, it seems, is the record of all our previous attempts to cope with the consequences of the misplaced creativity of a few who lived to outsmart the electoral process. The result of this, as we all know, is a process of electing leaders that is probably the most complex in the world.

Most likely it is this same mind-set that has shaped the legislative debate on the absentee voting bill. Our bright and sensitive legislators have been trying to plug not only the loopholes of the existing electoral system but also the ones yet to be conceived in the fertile minds of their colleagues. This is a tough job even for those who are firmly committed to the passage of the law. It will never be completed as long as we are searching for the perfect "system for securing the secrecy and sanctity" of the absentee voters' ballots.

My suggestion is: Let's pass the law now and trust instead in our people's instinct to protect their basic rights even when they have to work with imperfect procedures. They will evolve their own safeguards in the course of their own practice. They will invent mechanisms appropriate to the different contexts in which they live. There is every reason to be confident about this. The enthusiastic campaign for the absentee voting bill is creating a global movement of overseas Filipinos who are keenly aware of the problems of our country and assertive of their right to participate in the shaping of its future.

The enfranchisement of more than five million overseas Filipinos will definitely affect the terrain of our political life. There can be no doubt that the change will be for the better. They are a more demanding constituency. They think we're losing time. They want to see a future that will offer their children hope without having to leave the homeland.

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Fresh start for BIR

COMMENTARY

Raul J. Palabrica

WITH RENE Bañez out of the Bureau of Internal Revenue, his detractors at the House of Representatives and corrupt BIR employees must be rejoicing. They succeeded in their pressure tactics.

Some congressmen demanded his resignation because of his alleged failure to meet the collection target of the government. For the uninitiated, that sounds like a valid argument. But for those familiar with the inside workings of Philippine politics, there's more than meets the eye in that reason.

Take your pick. It's either Bañez did not "treat properly" a congressman's favored client or favorite friend, or he stepped on the toes of a BIR official who happened to be influential with the complaining solon.

The anti-Bañez stance of some BIR employees is understandable. Their former boss implemented measures aimed at making them live up to their status as public servants, not just regularly paid government employees. The inefficient employees resented being told to shape up.

For the corrupt personnel, Bañez was a pain in the neck. They lost their sources of illegal wealth when he cracked down on their activities and gave them assignments that afforded very little opportunity for graft. With their lavish lifestyles at stake, Bañez's removal from office was a non-negotiable proposition. Through foul or fair means, he had to go, even if it meant sacrificing the national interests.

The search is now on for the man or woman who can effectively collect the taxes due the government and, at the same time, remain on good terms with BIR employees and politicians who have personal interests to protect.

Lead agency

The BIR is the government's lead agency in the collection of revenues. Its output accounts for 80 percent of the national treasury. The Bureau of Customs supplies the rest.

Meeting collection targets has, unfortunately, become a hit-and-miss affair for the BIR. Except for the years 1993, 1994, 1996 and 2001, its collections from 1991 to the present failed to meet government expectations. In 1997, the shortfall was P19.75 billion; in 1998, P17.88 billion; in 1999, P12.31 billion; in 2000, P36.96 billion; and in the first half of 2002 alone, P35.46 billion.

How big the deficit will be for the whole of 2002 is a big question mark. And from all indications, unless the appropriate corrective measures are taken and fast, the shortage will be staggering.

Because of reduced revenue inflow, the country's budget for the affected years had to be revised, with allocations realigned and projects already on stream postponed until funds become available. The national appropriation acts (that's how Congress wants the budgets to be referred to), whose signing has always been attended with all kinds of pageantry, have become "works in progress" rather than well-planned blueprints for growth and development.

So unreliable has the BIR's collection targets become that international financial and credit institutions, including local financial analysts, guardedly cite (or qualify) them when they prepare reports that use those figures as one of the underlying assumptions of their recommendations.

Constraints

The studies conducted to improve the BIR's administrative and collection efficiency show that it suffers, as an institution, from certain constraints that hinder it from fully meeting its objectives.

As explained in the briefing material on House Bill No. 5054 which seeks to create the Internal Revenue Management Authority, the constraints are:

- Political pressure and interference exerted on top BIR officials.
- Rigid personnel management system that ties promotion to loyalty and seniority, while the recruitment of new employees does not match with the requirements of the service.
- The present compensation scheme restricts its ability to employ capable employees, in particular, first-rate auditors, lawyers and IT professionals.
- It is locked in an inflexible line-item budgeting system that makes it hard for it to make budget adjustments as the exigencies may require in order to meet its collection targets.

These hindrances to efficiency are not of recent vintage. They have evolved through the bureau's 63 years of existence. The uncoordinated tax laws, executive orders and court rulings enacted or promulgated during all these years are to blame for the present bureaucratic mess at the BIR.

Bañez's predecessors were aware of these problems. But with their hands tied down by civil service regulations and other legal restraints, they had no choice but to make do with whatever they found at the BIR. The more imaginative commissioners worked around the constraints and came up with measures that minimized their adverse effects. The other commissioners just took things in stride and hardly lost sleep when the revenue inflow dropped to critical levels.

Same problems

Unless the obstacles to collection efficiency are removed, whoever succeeds Bañez at the BIR will be faced with the same problems that made it difficult for him to deliver the revenues the government needs to sustain the financing requirements of the national budget.

The BIR employees have to accept the bitter truth that, as presently organized and managed, their office is a stumbling block to the nation's progress. It cannot go on operating as if nothing is wrong with it.

The proposed IRMA is aimed at removing the constraints that prevent the BIR from becoming an honest-to-goodness and efficient revenue-collecting arm of the government.

The IRMA will be organized as a quasi-government agency, similar to the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas. It will have a Revenue Board, which is analogous to the Bangko Sentral's Monetary Board. The IRMA will be headed by a professional manager, not a political appointee, who will have a three-year performance-based employment contract.

Because the IRMA will be run like a private corporation, where good qualifications and performance principally determine an employee's recruitment, compensation and promotion, the proposed agency is expected to attract capable and qualified employees into its ranks.

True, there is no assurance that the creation of the IRMA will solve the collection problems of the government. It is still the people who will run it that will determine whether or not the taxes will be properly and speedily collected and remitted to the national treasury. But until the critics of the IRMA bill come up with better ideas on how to improve the collection capabilities of the BIR, they're better off cooperating with Congress in fine-tuning the bill so it can adequately address the concerns of the complaining BIR employees without sacrificing the national interest.

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TALK of the TOWN

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Did Roco do the right thing?

FOR instituting reforms in the Department of Education, Raul Roco became the darling of teachers, parents and students. The reforms included the elimination of all fees upon enrolment in public elementary and high schools, suspension of deductions from salaries of teachers, prompt payment of teachers' salaries, and implementation of the restructured basic education curriculum.

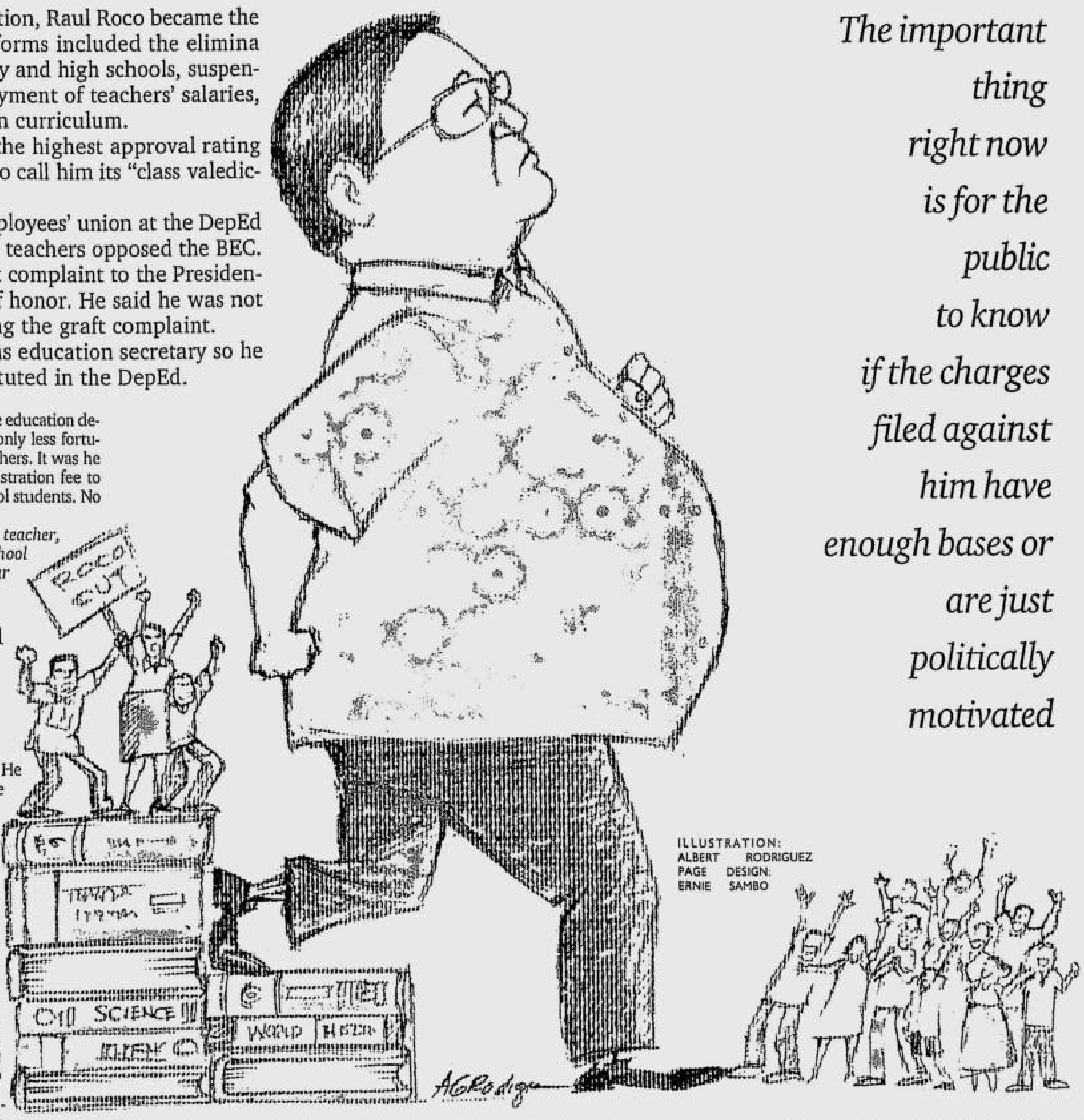
The reforms did not go unnoticed. People gave him the highest approval rating among members of the Cabinet, prompting a legislator to call him its "class valedictorian."

But his management style did not sit well with the employees' union at the DepEd central office, who filed graft chares against him. Some teachers opposed the BEC.

When President Macapagal-Arroyo endorsed the graft complaint to the Presidential Anti-Graft Commission, Roco resigned on a point of honor. He said he was not even informed by Ms Macapagal that she was endorsing the graft complaint.

Many teachers and students wanted Roco to remain as education secretary so he could face the charges and pursue the reforms he instituted in the DepEd.

The important thing right now is for the public to know if the charges filed against him have enough bases or are just politically motivated



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'He should have stayed on'

NO, because he introduced new innovations (in the Department of Education) and he is also intelligent.

Arlene Tabuso, teacher,
Batanes National Science High School, Basco, Batanes

I understand his feelings. He had a big role in the impeachment of deposed President Joseph Estrada so perhaps he felt insulted by President Macapagal-Arroyo's action. But instead of giving in to his feelings, he should have thought of the 'national picture' and stayed on as secretary. He was doing very well in the DepEd especially when it came to the welfare of students and teachers. We felt abandoned by Roco. We are apprehensive that whoever replaces him will not continue the policies he set.

Marlita Leones, *president,*
Faculty-Personnel Union, Calasiao Comprehensive National High School

Good riddance. Public schoolteachers don't like him. There are only some administrators who want him to stay.

Arwin Adina, *high school teacher,*
Valenzuela City

'He was a victim of politics'

HE was a victim of politics. I was sad with Secretary Roco's decision to leave the department. He had done so many things for the teachers. He was aware that teachers are debt-ridden with only a few thousand pesos remaining from their salaries. But under his helm, slowly he was able to eliminate those who lend money with high interest rates. This shows that he really cares for the welfare of teachers.

Lennie Jaro, teacher,
Rizal Elementary School, Tacloban

The charges against Roco are minimal compared to the millions of pesos other government officials rake in for themselves. His service with the DepEd was splendid, and his policies were very helpful for teachers like me. He defended us against unscrupulous lending institutions by ordering the suspension of the deductions from our salary for the payment of our loans. He devised convenient payment schemes of our taxes, which allowed those deep in debt to recover. While it is true that there was no increase in salary, the relief we got from deductions was a great thing.

Clarita Cutaran, *teacher,*
Bayombong Central School, Nueva Vizcaya

Roco was doing fine with his job and there was no reason for him to resign. He made a lot of necessary changes in the education department that benefited not only less fortunate students but also us teachers. It was he who introduced the free registration fee to all elementary and high school students. No one did that except him.

Caressa Ochia, *teacher,*
Tacul National High School Magsaysay, Davao del Sur

'He did much in so short a time'

HE should have not resigned. He should have held a dialogue first with the President. But Secretary Roco did much in so short a time. Textbooks were delivered door-to-door, classrooms were built and class furniture and equipment were delivered immediately. His concern for the prompt payment of teachers' salaries has inspired many teachers.

Dr. Gregorio Agana, *principal,*
Cagayan Natioanal High School, Tuguegarao

Nanghihinayang ako because I see the great potential of his programs, like the new BEC, to uplift the education of our children. I am not happy about his leaving the DepEd because we badly needed to see his program succeed although it might mean more difficulty for the teachers, who would need more time and experience to implement it fully. Many teachers may not like shouldering the extra burden of the basic education curriculum without extra pay, but then the sacrifice involved is what separates us teachers (from other professionals). After Roco, I don't think anybody else is capable of pushing for a better basic education program and a pupil-and parent-sensitive policy like suspending all fees upon enrolment.

Azucena Cerujales, *teacher,*
Baybay Elementary School, Tiwi, Albay

Whatever the circumstances that made Roco resign is not our concern. But his sudden resignation saddened us in DepEd Region II because of his unique policies and concern for teachers and students. Our experiences with him have touched us so much, especially his concern for teachers, students and parents. We will nurture the seed he planted in the DepEd.

Teresita Domalanta, *Cagayan Valley director, Department of Education, Tuguegarao*

If he is guilty, that's (resignation) the best thing to do. But we don't know if he is guilty or not. Resigning from the Cabinet *dahil nagtampo siya kay* GMA (the President) is a childish reaction. It's unprofessional.

Maria Nanud, *principal,*
Basco Central School, Batanes

'He failed to make good his promise'

LIKE many (public elementary school) teachers I have talked to, I was happy to hear that he has resigned. As a school administrator, I faced financial hardships in running my school because he instituted the policy of "no fees during enrolment." This policy created confusion among parents who thought that all fees were altogether removed. Roco failed to make good his promise of providing enough books for pupils on a 1:1 ratio. In some schools, each book is shared by three pupils and in others, as many as five share a book. He ordered the implementation of the restructured basic education curriculum (BEC) without sufficient training for teachers. The teachers who were not given enough time to study and prepare for the BEC are confused in handling "Makabayan" subjects for instance. I still suffer deductions from my salary despite my advice to the main office to stop the practice.

Elena Bendal, *principal,*
Tabaco North Central Elementary School, Tabaco, Albay

He was doing well for the system. He should have stayed and welcomed the investigation so that he could clear himself.

Eleanor Abad, *district supervisor,*
Basco Central School, Batanes

He should have not resigned because he won't be able to continue the implementation of his good programs.

Esperanza Rosario, *secretary to the principal, Ilocos Sur National High School, Vigan*

We've lost a brilliant mind in the Cabinet. His resignation was untimely. He should have resigned only if he was proven guilty. But we need an education secretary who is not a politician.

Linie Jabagát, *teacher,*
Himamaylan National High School, Negros Occidental

He should have remained because his programs were on the right track. The supply of books increased, unnecessary fees were scrapped and teachers' take-home pay increased under his leadership at the DepEd.

Lourdes Belmonte, *teacher, San Jose del Monte City east district, Bulacan*

I was surprised to learn that Secretary Roco resigned. His programs were running smoothly. Although there are many questions on the implementation of BEC, it was still implemented because Roco got the support of education officials down to the level of regional directors. I believe the President's endorsement of the graft charges against Roco is politically motivated. Ibon's survey played a significant part in the President's decision to cut Roco down to size. Persons who are threats to her presidential ambition in 2004 intimidate her.

Male public school teacher *(requested anonymity), member of Panay Alliance of Concerned Teacher*

'Someone used the union's demand to destroy Roco'

I THINK there were those who used the union's demands to destroy Roco. He is the best contender for president in 2004. Ms Macapagal just grabbed the opportunity to bring Roco down. Her decision was politically motivated. As education secretary, Roco was effective, *maraming nagawa* (had done a lot).

Female instructor *at a state college in Iloilo City (asked name to be withheld)*

Roco's resignation was a heavy loss to the educational system, especially because he instituted a no-collection rule every enrollment period in public schools. We saw it coming. With the news that a presidential body was pushing for the investigation of the charges against him, his resignation was the next step.

Dr. Miralinda Ocampo,
Batangas City division superintendent

He made the right decision. The humiliation he supposedly got when the President endorsed the complaint against him and the "courtesy" he wanted given him but was not extended were enough grounds for a "man of principle" to resign. The important thing right now is for the public to know if the charges filed against him have enough bases or are just politically motivated. One thing for sure, the timing of the resignation has definitely benefited him in terms of media exposure especially if he has plans to run for president in 2004.

Marvin Castell, *faculty,*
DLSU Economics Department

Perhaps it's a gentleman's decision because if he remained as secretary, the probe he's facing might be tainted. It also reflects the kind of government we have. Those who pose a threat to GMA are dispensable.

Lalae Garcia, *teacher,*
Cagayan de Oro

He was right in resigning. He was not given due respect.

Gian Carlo Bumanlag, president,
University Supreme Student Council, Central Luzon State University, Science City of Muñoz

His resignation was not right because he did many things for the students. The new curriculum is good.

Jerico Mapanao, *4th year high school student, Batanes National Science High School, Basco, Batanes*

Sayang naman ang talino, panahon and effort that he poured into the department during his short stay. He could have done much more in the field of education so his resignation was a loss, a big one.

Samantha Albaño, *nursing student,*
Calasiao, Pangasinan

Many criticized him because of the changes he introduced in the DepEd. But after starting the changes, all of a sudden, he leaves. Perhaps his decision to resign was out of *delicadeza*. He is like a white handkerchief, whose single speck of dirt was seen and magnified by people who may have felt jealous about his outstanding performance. I don't believe in the charges (against him), but by quitting, he has given people the impression that he may be guilty. He needed to stay to defend himself.

April Jean Sobrepeña, *student body president, Nueva Vizcaya General Comprehensive High School, Bayombong, Nueva Vizcaya*

'The number of books in our school increased'

HE should have not resigned because it would seem an admission of guilt. It's a waste because he led DepEd well. When he took over as secretary, the number of books in our school increased.

Arcelle Bergonia, *3rd year,*
Baguio City National High School

He has every reason to feel bad *dahil binastos naman talaga siya ng* Malacañang by not informing him about the case before endorsing it to the investigating body. He was a good man. His absence from the DepEd is not his loss but a loss for the education department.

Rowena Nieveras, *dentistry student, University of Baguio*

Roco was right in his decision to step down from his post. The DepEd employees don't trust him anymore since they were the ones who filed the complaint against him. The implementation of DepEd programs will not be effective if the employees at the central office won't give (him) full cooperation.

Sarwell Q. Meniano, *student,*
Leyte Normal University, Tacloban

I don't think it was right for Secretary Roco to resign. He's supposed to finish what he started in the DepEd. He should stand for what he believes in despite the criticisms.

Ritchelle Blaza, *4th year,*
Negros Occidental High School, Bacolod

He was doing a damn good job. For me he should have stayed and faced the allegations head-on.

Jaja Borja, *4th year,*
University of the Philippines, Quezon City

Mahihirapan lang sya lalo. Mahirap magmalinis kung di ka naman malinis. Matagal na dapat syang nag-resign.

Rollyn, *2nd year,*
University of the Philippines, Quezon City

GMA should have consulted Roco first before ordering the investigation. As part of the official family, Roco should have been informed. It is a clear disrespect for him.

Rochelle, *MBA, Ateneo*

He was doing very well as secretary of Education and great strides were made while he was there. Now that he quit, reforms he initiated will most likely be discontinued. He should have stayed and disproved allegations against him. In quitting, he appeared weak and that might have an adverse effect on his political plans.

Ella Calaor,
MS Economics student, DLSU

Pinahirapan lang nya ang curriculum *namin* as a PEHM major because he initiated plans to phase out PE in the curriculum. As a result, I will find it difficult to apply for a job as a PE teacher someday.

Denver Jaman, *4th year,*
University of Southern Philippines, Davao City

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Iraq defiant as US downplays war threat

BAGHDAD—Baghdad has adopted an increasingly defiant tone against the United States as Washington downplays the threat of a war against Iraq.

The ruling Baath party accused Washington Friday of seeking to "terrorize" the world by threatening to attack Iraq under the "false" pretext that it was developing weapons of mass destruction.

"By announcing its hostility to Iraq under false pretexts, America is seeking to camouflage the truth and use the Iraqi issue to terrorize the world and force it to bend to its wishes," the party's Ath-Thawra newspaper said.

"A US attack against Iraq will be the prelude of a fragile new order in the region in which Arabs and Muslims will gravitate in the orbit of a strong Zionist entity," the paper warned.

But US Central Command chief General Tommy Franks followed US President George W. Bush in playing down the threat of a war on Iraq, saying he did not believe a decision about military action against Iraq had been taken yet.

"I don't think such a decision has been made up to this point, so I can't relate any sort of potential future operation to what we see going on right now in Afghanistan," Franks said in Tashkent, where as part of a tour of Central Asia he held talks on security and Afghanistan with President Islam Karimov, who has emerged as a strategic partner in the US-led anti-terror war.

Bush himself said Friday that his policy towards Baghdad—which calls for ousting Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein — would become clear "as time goes on."

"You'll understand clearly, as time goes on, why I feel strongly that we cannot allow the world's worst leaders to develop the world's worst weapons," he told backers of California's embattled Republican gubernatorial candidate.

Though he shied away from explicitly naming Iraq, Bush has often used that rhetoric in the past to describe the regime in Baghdad and his fears that it could acquire weapon of mass destruction and link up with terrorists.

The US president has come under fire, even by supporters of military action against Iraq, for failing thus far to make the case to the US public and US allies that such an attack is necessary.

Iraq has been subject to UN sanctions since it invaded Kuwait in August 1990, leading to the Gulf War the following year in which its forces were expelled from the country by a US-led coalition.

But Washington's attempts to build an international coalition to back any military action against Baghdad have met with a cool response.

British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw said on Thursday that Saddam could reduce the chances of an attack by allowing the return of UN arms inspectors.

Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi, widely regarded as a close ally of Washington in its dispute with Iraq, said on Friday that a tougher line should be adopted to force Iraq to comply with UN resolutions, but said he preferred a diplomatic solution.

"I am quite calm. I have had the personal guarantee of US President George W. Bush that we will meet and talk before any decision," he said in a speech.

Russian Defense Minister Sergei Ivanov said he and Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov would visit Washington to argue against military strikes on Iraq, and demanded to see firm proof from the United States that Baghdad was stocking up on weapons of mass destruction. *AFF*

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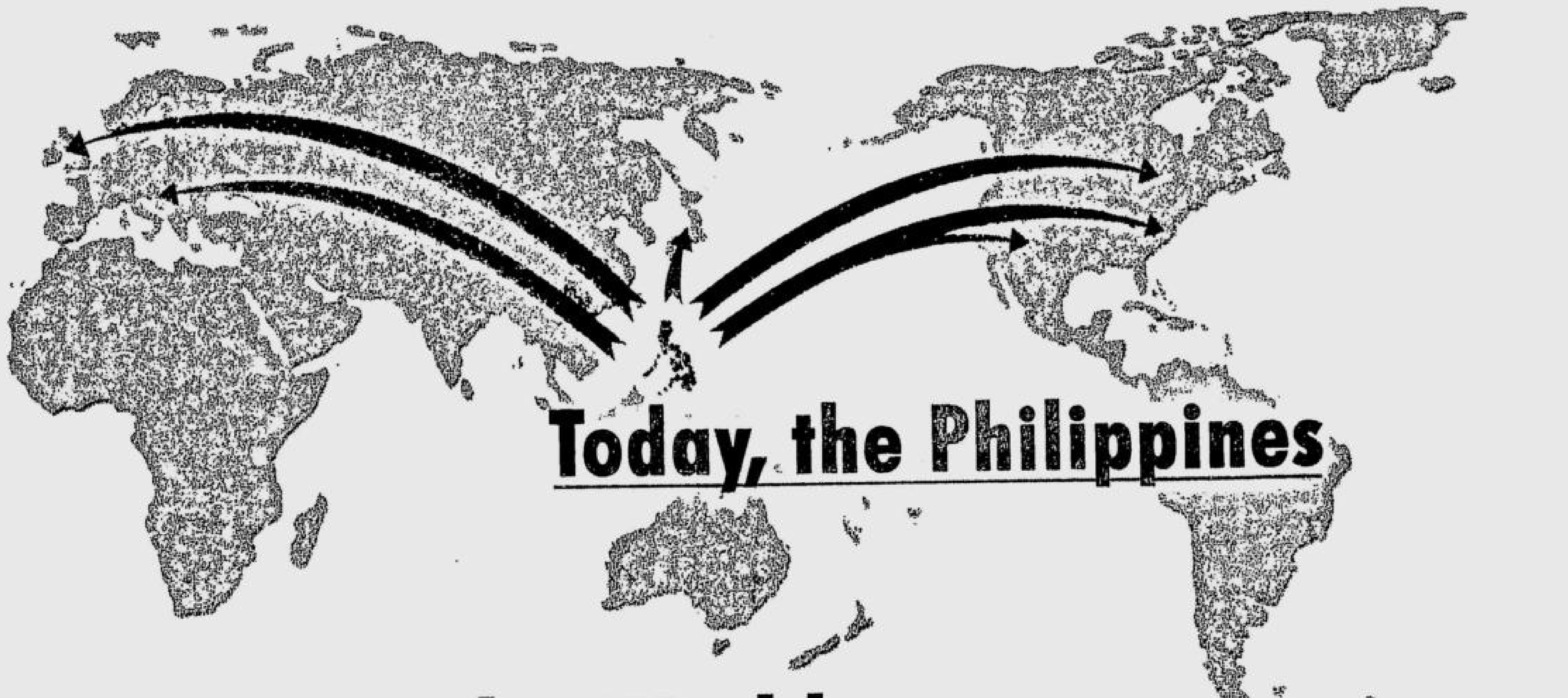

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Int'l task force concerned over Palestinians' plight

PARIS—An international task force including members of the "quartet" of Middle East peace brokers and key donors expressed concern on Friday about "the deteriorating Palestinian humanitarian situation."

"It (the task force) reiterated the Quartet's call for full, safe and unfettered access for international and humanitarian personnel," it said in a statement released after two-day talks with Palestinian and Israeli officials in Paris.

The International Task Force on Reform groups the "quartet" of the United States, the European Union, Russia and the United Nations with the International Monetary Fund, World Bank and donor countries such as Japan and Norway.

Initiated by the United States, its aim is to get Middle East peace talks back on track by aiding the Palestinian Authority with financial and institutional reform, particularly in improving democracy and stamping out alleged corruption.

The statement did not elaborate on the task force's concern over Palestinians' conditions or blame Israel for them.

UN special envoy Catherine Bertini, who returned from the region this week, reported growing malnutrition and illness, precarious water supplies and difficulties in agriculture.

The statement noted the task force had reviewed status reports on reform efforts and "discussed the need for continued Palestinian commitment to the reform process, Israeli facilitation and support from the international community."

Palestinian Labor Minister Ghassan al-Khatib said after the talks that task force members had expressed satisfaction in the talks with reform efforts, but he warned further progress could be stunted by Israeli restrictions on freedom of movement in the West Bank and Gaza.

"The ceiling on the reform process is the Israeli restrictions and we are coming close to that ceiling," he said by telephone, adding planned January elections would be impeded by current restrictions on movement.

None of the other delegates could be immediately reached for comment after the talks, held at working group level and at a location undisclosed by the meeting's official host, Norway.

Reuters

Russia launches air strike on Georgia

WASHINGTON—Monitors from the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe confirmed a Russian air attack on Georgian territory on Friday, in effect dismissing a Russian denial, a US official said.

Georgian State Security Ministry spokesperson Nika Laliashvili said in Tbilisi that a 65-year-old man was killed in the bombing and seven people were injured.

Russia denied any responsibility for the killing, saying its planes had not flown over the area on Friday.

But the US official, who asked not to be named, said, "We understand that OSCE border monitors have verified aerial bombing of an area south of Girvei in Georgia, causing civilian death and injuries." The planes were Russian, he added.

US officials had no immediate comment on the tension between Russia and Georgia, whose relations have hit new lows in the past week as Moscow accused Georgia of turning a blind eye to Chechen guerrillas in the lawless Pankisi Gorge and refusing to hand over rebels arrested by Georgian forces.

The State Department and the White House were consulting late on Friday on what to say about the incident, with the State Department initially inclined to criticize the bombing and to call for a reduction in tensions, one official said.

The bombing is close to the Pankisi Gorge, an area of great interest to the United States because of suspicions that it is a refuge for militant Islamists.

US-trained Georgian troops are due to launch large-scale war games close to the gorge on Sunday in parallel with operations by police and special forces in the gorge itself.

US special forces advisers have been training the Georgian army since May to take on the Islamic militants.

The US advisers will attend large-scale Georgian war games at the end of August in the Akhmeta region that includes Pankisi. Senior officials, including Georgian President Eduard Shevardnadze, have said troops will not enter the gorge.

US Sen. Sam Brownback, a Kansas Republican and senior member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said he was "shocked and dismayed" at the Russian bombing.

"Russia needs to stop such activity immediately and apologize to the Georgian government for violating its airspace and engaging in activities that undermine peace and stability in the Caucasus," he said in a statement.

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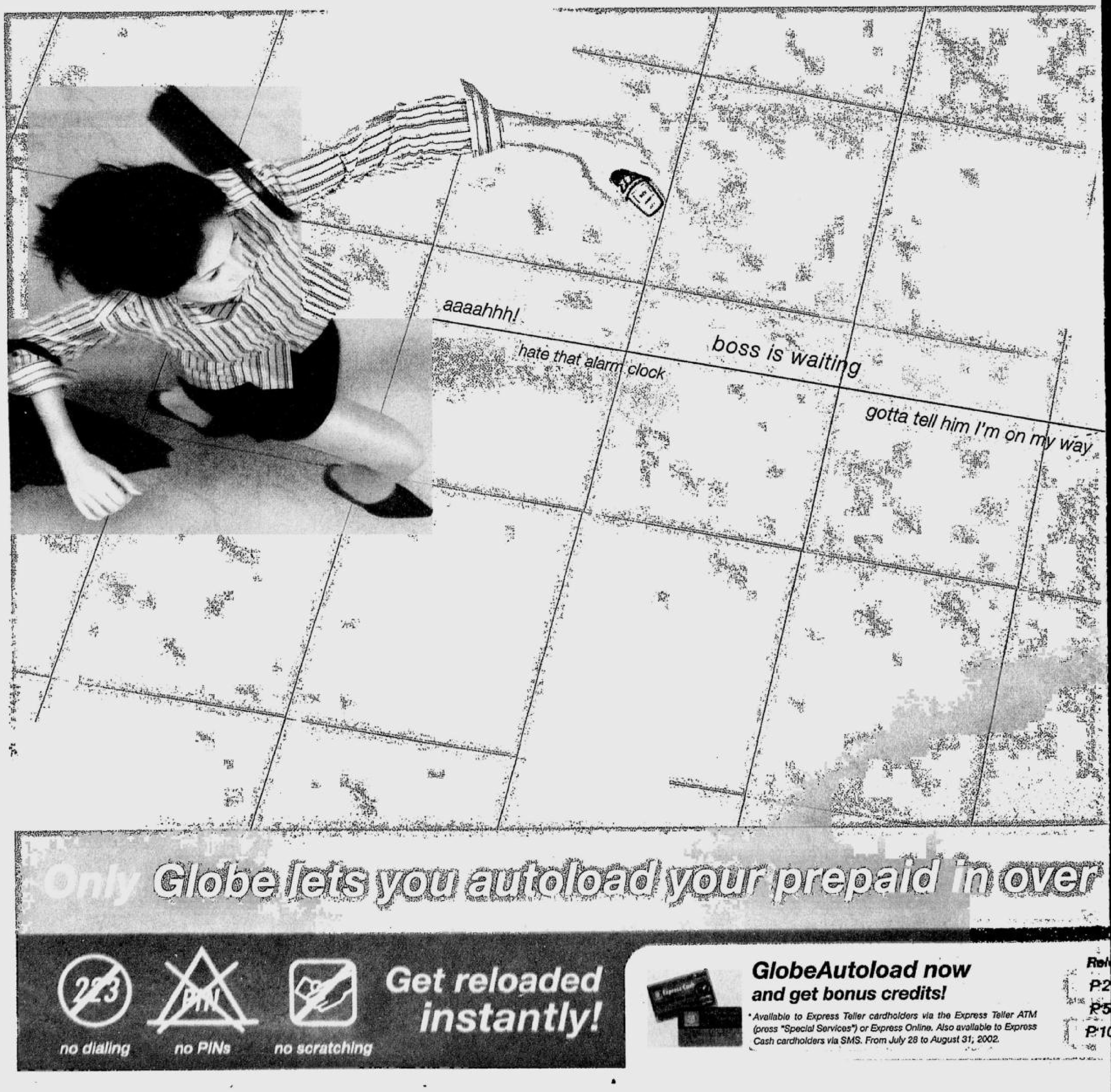
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US imposes symbolic sanctions on N. Korea

WASHINGTON — The United States has imposed symbolic sanctions on a North Korean company and the North Korean government for exporting medium or long-range missile components, the government said on Friday.

A notice in the Federal Register said Changgwang Sinyong Corp. had "engaged in missile technology proliferation activities that require the imposition of sanctions" under the Arms Export Control Act.

Officials declined to give details of the exports but The New York Times said it sold Scud components to Yemen before U.S. President George W. Bush came to office in January 2001.

The sanctions came at a sensitive time in attempts to restore Washington's dialogue with North Korea, which Bush calls part of an "axis of evil" because of its alleged support for "terrorist" groups and programs to develop weapons of mass destruction.

But the Bush administration played down the implications of the sanctions for proposed talks.

"The position of the United States continues to be: We will talk to North Korea any time, any place," said White House spokesperson Ari Fleischer.

"The United States has a variety of things to talk to North Korea about and that includes stopping their proliferation, which clearly they engage in," he said.

For two years starting Aug. 16, the United States will not approve licenses for exports by the company or to the company and the US government will not make contracts with the company for sensitive missile technology, the register said.

Similar sanctions apply to the North Korean government because North Korea is a non-market economy, it added.

Changgwang Sinyong Corp. is the marketing arm for the government's missile export program.

The sanctions are largely symbolic because the United States does not have dealings with the company and does not have any direct control over its export activities.

Exports to Yemen would qualify for sanctions because it is not a party to the Missile Technology Control Regime.

The specific citation applies to components and materials for missiles with a range greater than 300 km. Scuds are the only such missiles that Yemen possesses.

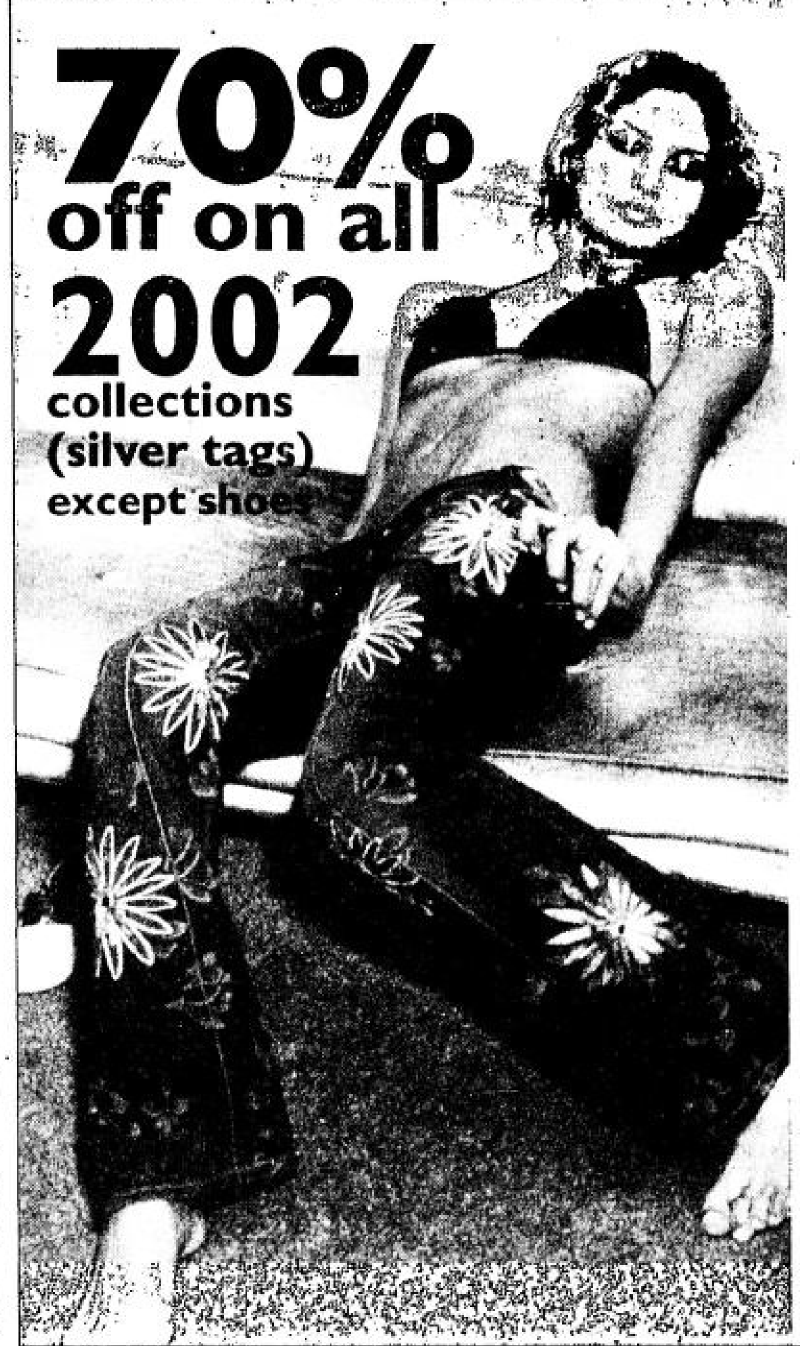
The Sanaa government inherited the Scuds from South Yemen when the north and south united in 1990, and southern rebels used them against the north in the civil war of 1994.

The United States could have waived the sanctions on the grounds of national security or to send a conciliatory message to the North Koreans at a time when Washington is seeking to resume high-level talks with Pyongyang.

But US governments have never waived missile proliferation sanctions against North Korea in the past, said State Department spokesperson Jo-Anne Prokopowicz.

North Korea often reacts strongly to US measures it sees as hostile but analysts said the sanctions need not disrupt progress toward a new dialogue.

In July, US Secretary of State Colin Powell met North Korean Foreign Minister Paek Nam-sun on the sidelines of an Asian regional meeting. *Reuters*



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Millions of Chinese threatened by swelling lake

DONGTING LAKE, China—Thousands of Chinese farmers and soldiers battled to shore up flood defences around the vast Dongting Lake as water levels neared crisis point, and a flood crest swept down the Yangtze River towards it.

An estimated 10 million people in the surrounding area would be at risk if the lake and river defenses were breached but many people on the ground voiced optimism that the worst could be averted.

The river surge is due to reach Dongting on Sunday, and officials said they had considered releasing water from the brimming lake into the surrounding flat farmland from which tens of thousands of people have been evacuated.

"The situation here is not that serious. We hope the waters will recede," said Chen, a 60-year-old civilian on flood watch at one of many tents dotted along the banks of the lake.

"But I have to stay here until the waters go down four meters," he said.

Officials say they expect the water level at Dongting—a lake the size of Luxembourg—to hit a peak of 35 meters (115 ft) on Sunday.

That peak would still be some 90 cm (35 inches) below the record hit in 1998, when the lake burst its banks and killed more than 100 people. In all, 4,000 people died in floods across China in that disastrous summer.

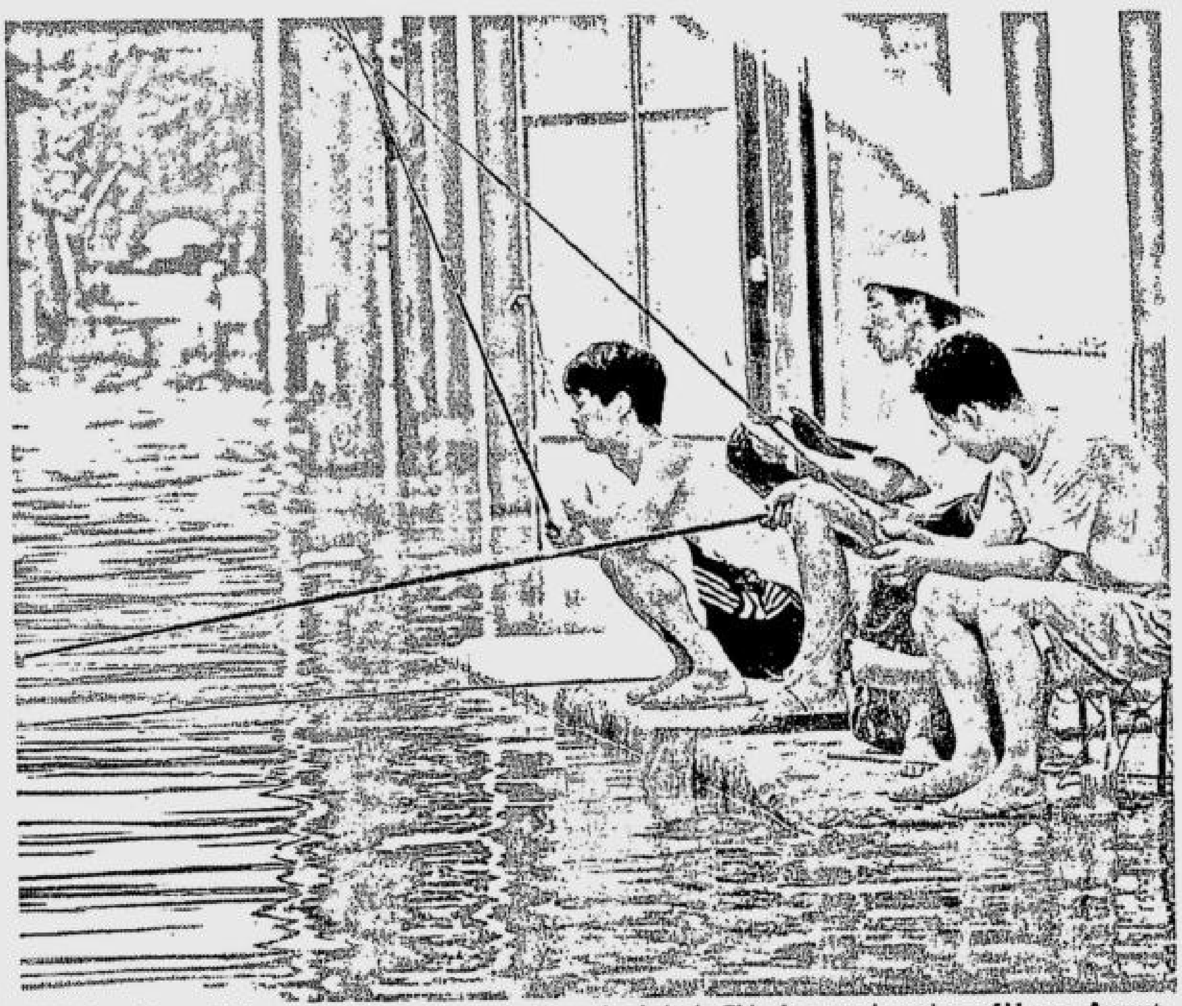
Witnesses said a minor flood had already virtually submerged at least one small village 10 km south of Yueyang city, near the lake's northeast shore, but that locals appeared calm.

While tens of thousands have been evacuated from the area, many in cities like Yueyang are staying, hoping water levels will drop before there is a catastrophe.

A peasant army of around 10,000 farmers in reed hats, and wielding picks and hoes, was patrolling the vast lake's embankments just south of Yueyang, bolstering dikes with sandbags.

Flood control officials have been relatively hopeful of staving off a disaster, saying a 10 billion yuan ($1.21 billion) programme to build up dikes and plant trees around the lake since 1998 had made the region less susceptible to flooding.

If there was no heavy rain in the next few days, they said, Dongting's water level should start receding at the start of next week. Weather forecasters predict light showers for Monday and Tuesday. *Reuters*



LOCAL residents fish in a flooded street near the Dongting Lake in China's central province of Hunan, August 24. Water levels in China's Dongting Lake rose further Saturday, threatening to flood its surrounding area and devastate millions of lives, as soldiers and civilians stood ready to plug breaches in its dikes. AFP

Pakistan says India launched air strikes

ISLAMABAD/NEW DELHI—Pakistan accused India on Friday of launching air strikes against a military post in disputed Kashmir, ratcheting up tensions between the [illegible] powers as a top US diplomat begins a fresh peace mission.

India denied there had been an air attack as US Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage arrived in New Delhi on his latest visit to South Asia.

Pakistani military spokesperson Major-General Rashid Qureshi told reporters in Islamabad India had launched a ground assault on the mountain post in the north of the disputed Himalayan region on Thursday night and suffered heavy casualties.

"The Indians in their frustration resorted to a highly escalatory act by bombing the area using the Indian air force," he said, reading from a statement. He said Pakistan had suffered no casualties.

Qureshi said Indian planes had conducted between three and five sorties. He said intermittent fire from the Indian side was continuing and Pakistani troops were under instructions to return fire in self-defense.

Each side accused the other of trying to undermine the Armitage visit.

"Whenever there is a high-profile visit to the subcontinent . . . the Indian government has got into the habit of either going into escalation or stage-managing an incident," Qureshi said. *Reuters*

Study: Owners of older cell phones risk brain tumor

STOCKHOLM—Owners of older mobile telephones are at substantially greater risk of contracting a brain tumor, a Swedish study published in the current issue of the European Journal of Cancer Prevention reveals.

Researchers spent four years studying 1,617 patients with brain tumors in central Sweden—in what they said was the largest study so far into first-generation mobile phones and cancer risk—and compared them with a healthy control group.

The result showed that users of Nordic Mobil Telephone (NMT) phones were from 1.3 to 3.5 times greater at risk of developing cancer than those who did not use those phones.

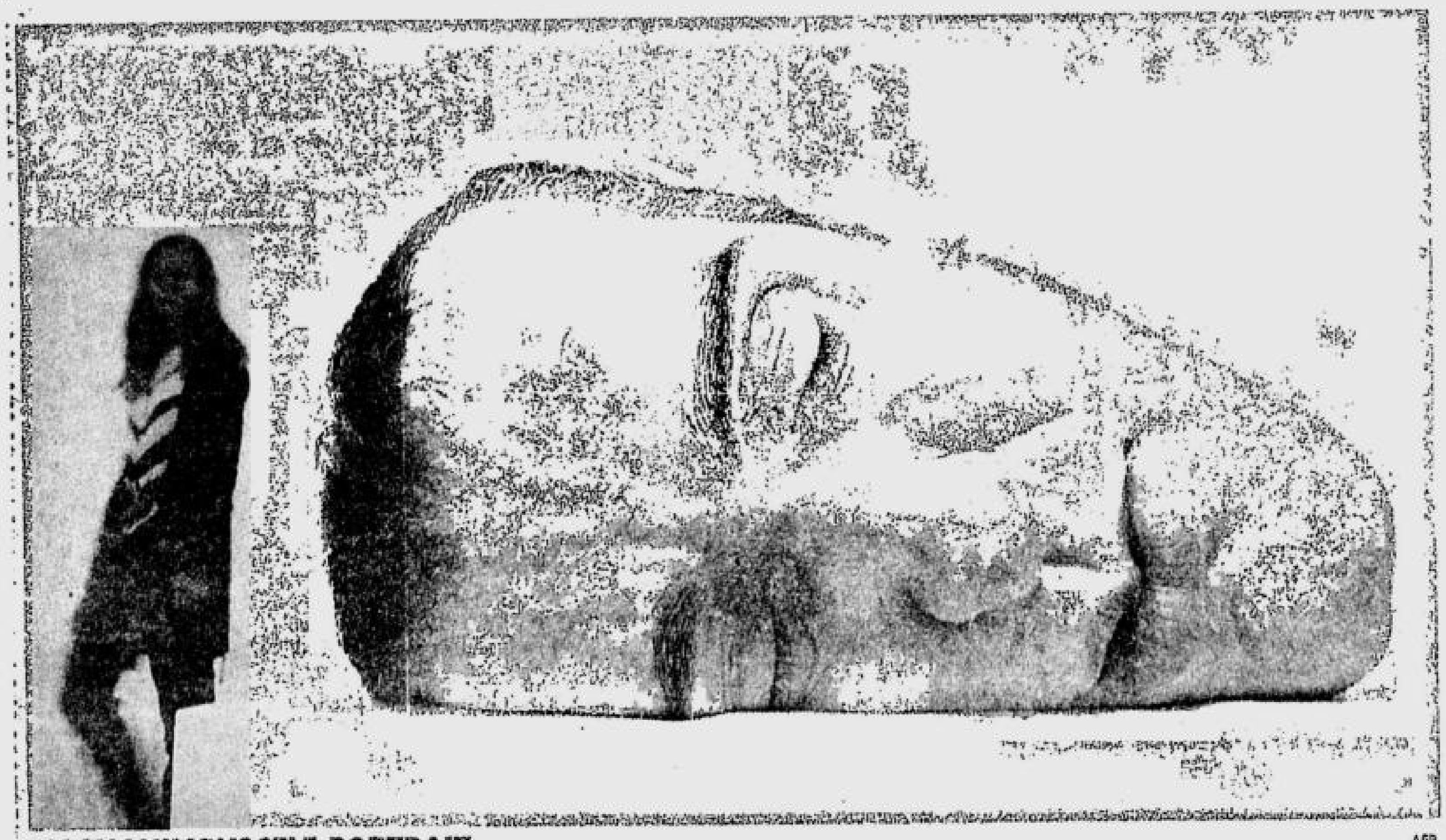
"It is clear that NMT users should exercise caution," Kjell Hansson Mild of the Swedish National Instititue for Working Life, co-author of the study along with Lennart Hardell of Orebro University Hospital, said.

Hansson Mild carried out his study on users of first-generation NMT mobile phones, looking at the short-term risk of cancer, and over a 10-year period.

NMT users were shown to run a 1.3 times greater risk, and over a 10-year period the overall tumor risk was 1.8 times greater, the study showed.

The risk of a tumor developing in the temporal lobe of the brain—on the side of the head where the phone is used—was two and a half times higher. Still higher were the chances of tumors in the auditory nerve, there they leapt to 3.5 times.

Hansson Mild said that the risk of cancer was not as clearly established for users of GSM phones, the most-widely used type of mobile phone today. *AFP*



MAGNANIMOUS SELF-PORTRAIT AFP

"Mask II" by Australia-born, London-based artist Ron Mueck, is displayed as part of the exhibition "Directions: Ron Mueck" at the Smithsonian Institution's Hirshorn Museum August 23 in Washington, DC. "Mask II" is a self- portrait of Mueck, a former television and film model maker who had no formal art training.

Zimbabwe's Mugabe dissolves his Cabinet

HARARE—Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe dissolved his Cabinet on Friday in a surprise move that official sources said was linked to a government drive to seize white-owned farms for landless blacks.

Mugabe, who has vowed to press ahead with the land seizures despite resistance from farmers and growing criticism abroad, will announce a new Cabinet on Monday, a government statement said.

It gave no reason for the move by Mugabe, 78, who has ruled the southern African country since leading it to independence from Britain in 1980.

"His Excellency, the President, Comrade R.G. Mugabe, today, 23rd August, 2002, dissolved cabinet," said the statement signed by Mugabe's spokesperson, George Charamba.

Zimbabwe has been gripped by a political and economic crisis since pro-government militants invaded white-owned farms in early 2000 in support of Mugabe's campaign to redistribute farms to landless blacks.

Charamba was not immediately available for comment.

But official sources said Mugabe had summoned his ministers and his two vice-presidents for an unscheduled meeting at his official residence earlier on Friday where he discussed the government's controversial land seizure drive.

"The stories we are hearing are that he expressed unhappiness with the way in which some of his ministers are handling the land issue," one source said.

Mugabe's government has ordered 2,900 of the country's remaining 4,500 white commercial farmers to quit their land without compensation.

But nearly two-thirds have defied an August 8 deadline to leave their farms, and police have arrested more than 200 in a crackdown launched last week.

Civic groups also said the Cabinet move may be linked to the land program. *Reuters*

US gov't to protect Karzai

WASHINGTON—The State Department is planning to take over security for Afghan President Hamid Karzai next month, including training a local security force for the leader, a department spokesperson said.

Under the plan, members of the department's Diplomatic Security Service will replace U.S. troops, who took over for Karzai's Afghan guards last month after the assassination of an Afghan vice president raised concerns about security in Kabul.

"If we are to build and enhance the authority of the central government, that government must be in a position to operate without the fear of terrorist retaliation," State Department spokesperson Jo-Anne Prokopowicz said late Friday.

"Presidential protection is one part of that mission."

The protection detail will last about a year, Prokopowicz said, adding that the mission will also involve the US military and private contractors.

One goal of the plan is to "train Afghan personnel in our protection methods" to defend Karzai and to eventually relinquish responsibility for protecting him, Prokopowicz said. *AP*

Bush raises money for Republican bet with an eye on his own reelection bid

DANA POINT, California—With an eye on his own 2004 reelection bid, US President George W. Bush raised much-needed money Friday for his Republican party's embattled California gubernatorial candidate.

In three fund-raisers over two days, Bush was throwing his weight behind Bill Simon's uphill battle to unseat incumbent Democratic Governor Gray Davis, whose main asset—some say—is that he lacks Simon's liabilities.

In a climate of public outrage over corporate wrongdoers, Simon's family investment firm was slapped with a nearly $80-million ruling in late July over fraudulent business practices.

Simon has said he expects the ruling to be overturned, and Bush—whose own close ties to business may prove a political burden—said during a stop in Oregon on Thursday that he takes "the man for his word" that he is innocent.

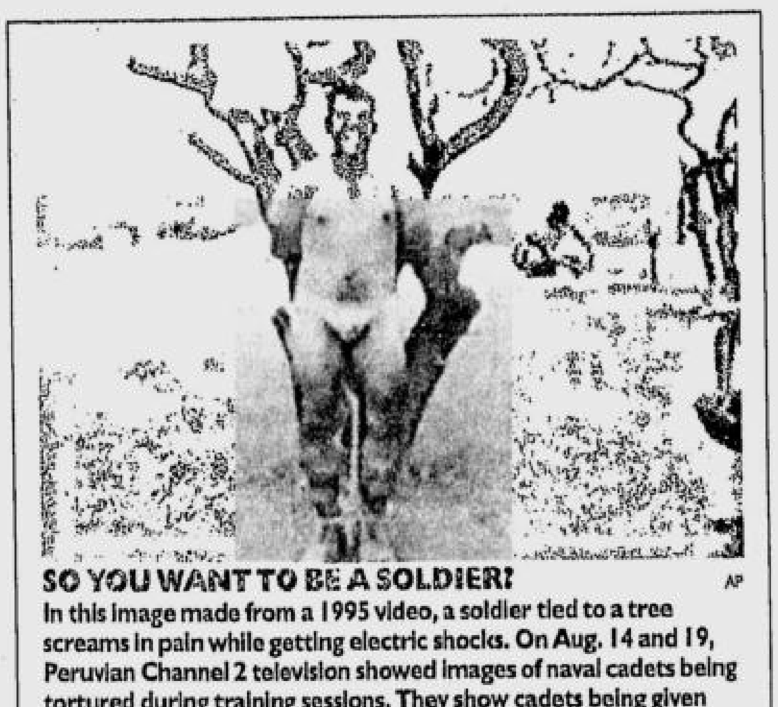
On Friday, the president took his support one step further, saying Simon is a "proven businessman," and that he would be a needed "breath of fresh air" as California's governor.

Davis reportedly planned to counter Bush's initiative by unveiling a series of steps to promote corporate responsibility.

White House officials, aware of the potential problem, have nonetheless decided that canceling the pre-programmed events could be a bigger issue than going ahead.

And building the state's Republican organizations and fundraising base could prove a major asset when Bush courts California's 55 electoral college votes—the richest haul of any state—if he runs for reelection in 2004.

The US leader's Friday stops were expected to raise roughly $3 million for Simon, whose conservative views—pro-gun ownership, anti-abortion rights—do not make him a natural to win California's top elected office. *AFP*



SO YOU WANT TO BE A SOLDIER? AP

In this image made from a 1995 video, a soldier tied to a tree screams in pain while getting electric shocks. On Aug. 14 and 19, Peruvian Channel 2 television showed images of naval cadets being tortured during training sessions. They show cadets being given electrical shocks, kept under water, suffocated and beaten.

Do soy and garlic supplements really enhance health?

BETHESDA, Maryland—Soy and garlic supplements line the shelves of health food stores and groceries but research has yet to find evidence that the pills, powders and capsules have any health benefits at all, experts agreed on Friday.

Garlic and soy as food may have beneficial effects on the heart, but it is not entirely clear which constituents are doing the work, the experts agreed after a two-day conference on the subject.

Their findings may be of particular interest to women because of recent studies that show hormone replacement therapy can raise the risk of heart disease and cancer, and soy has been proposed as a non-drug alternative to HRT.

"I have to say that in most of the areas we still have too many questions," Dr. Curt Furberg of Wake Forest University in North Carolina told the conference. "I couldn't recommend too strongly any particular supplement."

The researchers said several good studies are under way that may show whether some products work, but they are years away from reporting any results.

The shelves of health food stores and even grocery stores are loaded with soy protein powders, garlic pills and capsules containing soy isoflavones—supposedly the active ingredients that makes soy healthy.

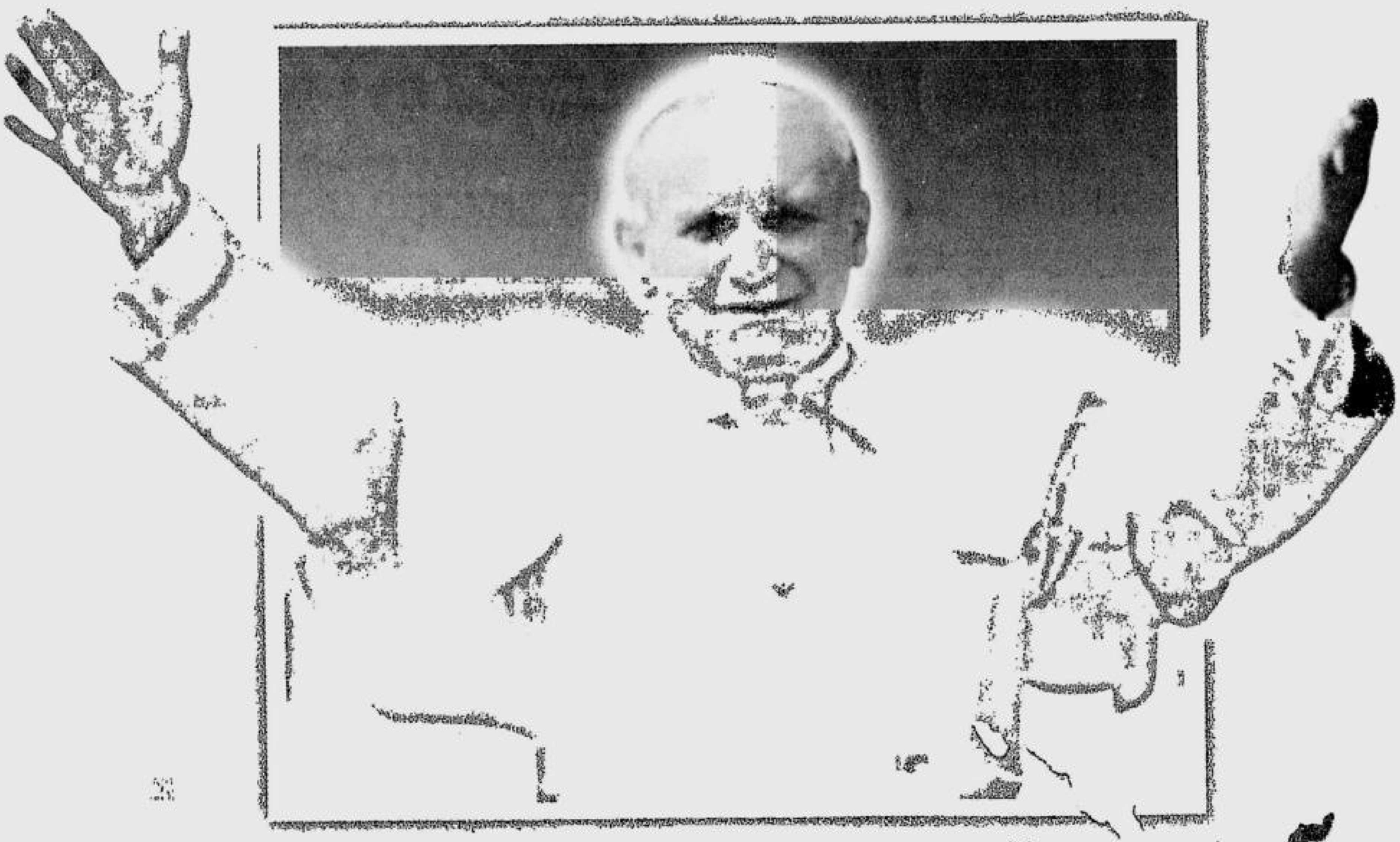
But leading botanical researchers, meeting under the auspices of the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute, said these products vary greatly in what they contain and some may not even be in a form that can be used by the body.

"The available clinical trial results are not adequate to answer important questions about the potential cardiovascular benefits of garlic," Christopher Gardner of Stanford University in California told the meeting.

For instance, said Eric Block of the State University of New York in Albany, stomach acid and heat may destroy some of the active ingredients in garlic. Like all plants, garlic varies greatly from crop to crop in its make-up.

"We need to precisely define what we are using. We need to verify that brands contain what they are supposed to contain," Furberg said. *Reuters*

Pope John Paul II Has Chosen Manila As Home To The World's Families.



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Lawyers say Imee should study impact of anti-terrorism bill

BAGUIO CITY—Ilocos Norte Rep. Imee Marcos, a proponent of an anti-terrorism measure, is an unlikely ally of civil rights advocates in the country.

But because of her critical stance against the Mutual Logistics Support Arrangement (MLSA), human rights lawyers are waiting for her to withdraw House Bill 3862, whose anti-terrorism provisions violate most Philippine laws and which copy a controversial American law.

Lawyer Edre Olalia of the Public Interest Law Center said four anti-terrorism bills filed by Marcos, another congressman and two senators share provisions that ignore judicial rules on detention, double jeopardy and the principle of prescriptive periods for filing criminal cases.

Most of their bills were patterned after the United States Patriot Act, which sets stringent detention and arrest guidelines that violate "the very democratic rules they taught the Philippines," Olalia said.

The US Patriot Act, which was influenced by the 1995 Oklahoma bombings and last year's World Trade Center attacks, targets Arabs and Asians, he added.

Marcos had criticized the government's compliance to US policies covering its international "war on terrorism," when President Macapagal-Arroyo endorsed the MLSA.

"I really don't believe that we should punish the sons and daughters for the crimes of their parents (referring to the late strongman Ferdinand Marcos). I really don't... I know (Marcos) had withdrawn certain provisions (of her bill) when she realized what they really do. I know she will consider (a withdrawal). She was very surprised by the repercussions of her bill," Olalia said.

But human rights groups are still building up a lobby campaign to block the passage of an anti-terrorism measure, which could be consolidated from bills filed by Senators Panfilo Lacson and Robert Barbers.

Ms Macapagal had certified the anti-terrorism measure as a priority bill to reinforce her own "war against terrorism."

At least 10 congressmen have joined Bayan Muna's crusade.

The Marcos bill lists 15 high-profile and heinous crimes like murder, kidnapping, assassinations, arson, piracy and even cyber-terrorism on its list of "analogous crimes" that fall within the coverage of terrorism, Olalia said.

The definition alone violates Supreme Court rules because the crime must be defined in order to be enforced. A terrorist act, according to the Marcos bill, is even broader, he explained.

It includes all forms of premeditated violence or public action that affects innocent civilians, he added. It also punishes public acts that cause Filipinos to lose faith in the government.

He said the definition excludes "lawful advocacy, protest or dissent" that avoid violence.

The Marcos bill also institutionalized "draconian" features, which allow the interception of cellular and telephone communications and allow government to freeze bank accounts, Olalia said.

Most dangerous of these provisions, he said, are the sections that ignore the double jeopardy rule, and which prolong detentions from 36 hours to 72 hours.

The double jeopardy rule protects a suspect from being subjected to trials for a crime that a previous court ruling had already acquitted him of.

The measure also rules out the theory of penal rehabilitation because it removes from the convicted terrorist the right to parole. The maximum penalty for terrorism is death, according to the bill. *Vincent Cabreza and Desiree Caluza, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

San Roque irrigation funds approved

DAGUPAN CITY—President Macapagal-Arroyo has authorized the transfer of $20 million from a $100-million loan from China to partly finance the irrigation component of the San Roque multipurpose dam project (SRMDP) in Pangasinan, presidential assistant for North Luzon Renato Diaz said on Saturday.

Diaz said the amount will be used to rehabilitate the Agno River Irrigation System that covers 27,000 hectares of riceland in San Manuel and neighboring towns.

Diaz, who inspected the San Roque dam on Saturday, said the government is working for the inclusion of $50 million in the 26th yen loan package from Japan for the irrigation component.

Diaz said the SRMDP irrigation component was listed as the "Agno River Integrated Irrigation Project" in the loan package. It is projected to cost $200 million.

Diaz said the Philippine government would work for the approval of a separate proposal for the irrigation component from the Japan Bank for International Cooperation, which financed the SRMDP.

The release of the irrigation funding from the JBIC was delayed because of opposition from displaced residents in San Manuel and San Nicolas in Pangasinan and Itogon, Benguet.

But Diaz claimed that social acceptability was no longer an issue with the Japanese government in San Manuel because "there are no more people in the reservoir area."

Reynaldo Mencias, manager of the San Roque irrigation project, said residents will not be affected by the irrigation project because the facilities are located downstream of the Agno River.

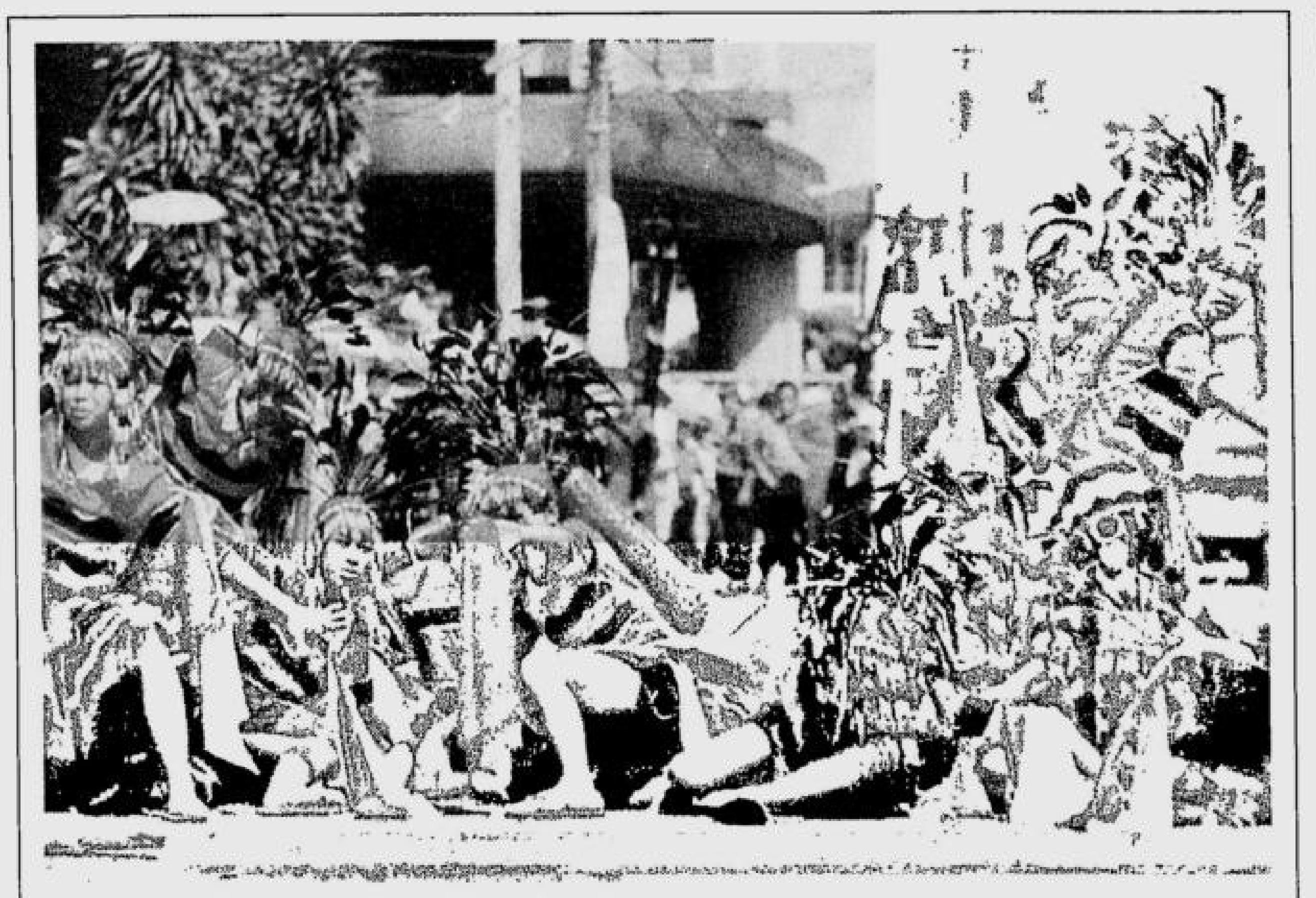
But Bayan Muna Rep. Satur Ocampo called for a review of the SRMDP contract, saying it could be anomalous like the contracts of other independent power producers (IPPs).

Ocampo, the keynote speaker during a summit on the San Roque dam here on Saturday, asked the government to stop impounding water while the review is ongoing.

"The issue here is not only the displacement of residents in San Manuel and San Nicolas but the power purchase agreement with the IPPs which had been found to be flawed," he said.

There was no need for more power plants because the country has more power supply than it needs, Ocampo said.

"It's turning out that the more extra power generated, the higher is the electricity bill that the consumers have to pay," Ocampo said. *Yolanda Fuertes, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*



THE COLORFUL 'Indak-indak sa Kadalanan' or street dancing was one of the features of the 17th Kadayawan sa Dabaw. Yesterday's street dancing was one of the top crowd drawers during the festivity. RYAN LIM

Alvarez considers Diwalwal his lucky charm

DAVAO CITY—Big miners lost a lot when the Mt. Diwata mining area in Compostela Valley was shut down.

But for Environment Secretary Heherson Alvarez, the closure of the controversial gold-rush area, which is also known as Mt. Diwalwal, might be his lucky charm.

A few days after Alvarez ordered the closure of the violence-prone gold tunnels in Mt. Diwata, the Commission on Appointments confirmed his designation as environment secretary.

Alvarez admitted that his critics nearly succeeded in putting him down.

"The members of the CA (Commission on Appointments) are brighter than they are. They cannot (influence them) so I survived. Now I was able to come back to Diwalwal," he told reporters here.

Alvarez went to Mt. Diwalwal with Mayor Rodrigo Duterte on Friday to personally padlock the portals of gold mine tunnels.

In effect, padlocking the tunnels became his first official function after he was confirmed secretary.

Alvarez dispelled speculations he might get back at his critics, some of whom are in the Department of Environment and Natural Resources itself.

"I am not a vengeful man. But those who committed crimes (against the environment) have to answer for it," he said.

With the padlocking of the tunnels, the police said it was taking over by deploying fresh faces to Diwalwal.

Newly installed Southern Mindanao police director Chief Supt. Isidro Lapena said the restoration of peace and order in Mt. Diwata in Compostela Valley was among his main concerns.

"It's a big task ahead," Lapena said, referring to the 18-year-old problem in the gold-rush area.

Lapena said the Diwata problem was highly delicate but "still solvable."

"It's only a matter of implementation," Lapena said.

Alvarez also told reporters here that he was not being harsh at the Paper Industries Corp. (Picop), when he declined to renew the firm's license including the one that covers its timber area in Mt. Diwata.

"I did not do it out of spite and anger. I was trying to punish people for bad behavior . . . that is not retaliation, that is justice. You make people answerable to things that they have done," Alvarez said. *Ayan C. Mellejor with reports from Anthony S. Allada, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

ROUNDUP

Detachment attacked

DAVAO CITY—Suspected communist rebels attacked a military detachment inside the gold-rush area of Mt. Diwata in Compostela Valley on Friday afternoon and wounded a soldier. Reports reaching the Southern Mindanao police office here identified the wounded soldier as a Sergeant Marcilla. Marcilla belongs to the 60th Infantry Battalion, which is part of the fresh batch of troops sent to the controversial gold-rush area in Monkayo town, after the government stopped mining operations there last week. The report added that the soldiers managed to fire back but it was not clear if the rebels suffered any casualty. Because of the incident, security has been tightened in Mt. Diwata, which is also known as Diwalwal.

Anthony S. Allada, PDI Mindanao Bureau

Retired cop nabbed

MAASIN CITY—The Criminal Investigation and Detection Group arrested a retired policeman for illegal possession of firearms and illegal gambling. Retired Insp. Celso Gaviola, former police chief of Macrohon town, was released after paying the bail bond of P80,000. Gaviola was arrested on Tuesday at his house in Marcohon on the strength of the warrant issued by Judge Romeo Gomez. Allegedly seized from Gaviola were an M-16 armalite rifle, a .45 caliber pistol, more than 200 bullets for different firearms and 15 tip sheets for *masiao*, an illegal numbers game. Gaviola said retired policemen usually kept guns for protection. He said he had a license for the .45 pistol. On charges he was a masiao financier, Gaviola said he would rather let the court decide on that.

Jani Arnaiz, PDI Visayas Bureau

Sexual harassment case

BAYOMBONG, Nueva Vizcaya—A judge on Tuesday meted out a one-month prison term to a provincial government employee found guilty of sexual harassment. Judge Alexander Balut of the municipal trial court here found Ernesto Sobrepena, a supervising cooperative affairs specialist, guilty in an unjust vexation case filed by a woman employee whom he kissed in September last year. Balut also ordered Sobrepena to pay the woman P10,000 in damages and cost of the suit. Sobrepena, who was suspended by Gov. Rodolfo Agbayani in April this year, also forfeited more than P180,750 in salaries and benefits from the government due to his suspension.

Ben Moses Ebreo, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

Memo for jueteng bettors

ANGELES CITY—The mayor here has ordered City Hall employees to stop betting on *jueteng* or face charges. In a memorandum issued to all departments of the city government here Tuesday, Mayor Carmelo Lazatin said any employee found "participating and/or betting in jueteng shall be charged criminally and administratively." Lazatin also banned jueteng bet collectors from City Hall.

Jun Malig, PDI Central Luzon Desk

SK reform urged

LEGAZPI CITY—Bukidnon Rep. Miguel Zubiri said here last week that the Sanggunlang Kabataan (SK) needs reforms. Several congressmen and mayors started their political careers from being SK officials, he said. He also challenged the newly elected SK officials to be transparent in every undertaking, especially in the procurement of equipment and facilities, as they are allocated 10 percent of the internal revenue allotment. SK officials here, especially those vying for municipal and city legislative seats, are being criticized for their involvement in vote buying in the last SK elections. Zubiri said he is working on his next bill which aims to strengthen the SK.

Ronnie Lorejo, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

Contractors plan rally

LEGAZPI CITY—Tired of waiting and deep in debt, Bicol contractors were planning to stage a rally against the Department of Public Works and Highways here for non-payment of their completed project contracts. The DPWH Bicol office owes the contractors P776 million, covering pending previous claims and current accounts payable as of August. Rodolfo Madrid, president of the Albay Contractors Association (ACA) said his group will seek a probe "to end this injustice." Albay district engineer Manuel Azurin said his office alone owes Albay contractors some P40 million. Contractor Boy Nidea, Mayon Builders Association Inc. president, said Bicol contractors have a total collectible of P1.2 billion, including receivables from other government agencies and local governments.

Ronnie Lorejo, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

Rape suspect nabbed

LEGAZPI CITY—Sixteen years after the death of rape-slay victim Marites Ricafort Mercialles in Camalig, Albay, one of her suspected assailants was captured. Four other suspects surrendered the next day. Operatives of the National Bureau of Investigation Legazpi District Office captured Ramon Florez, an embalmer of a funeral parlor in Guinobatan, Albay and a brother of a former police chief in Camalig. The suspects were identified as Edwin Moral, a former policeman and now the jail warden of Iriga City; Domil Grageda, a nurse at the San Lazaro Hospital; Ernesto Lobete, a retired principal of Camalig North Elementary School; and Joselito Nuada, a driver and automechanic from Iraya, Camalig. Moral, Grageda and Lobete have been committed to the Albay Provincial Jail. Records revealed that the crime took place on Apr. 13, 1986 when Mercialles, a student of the Bicol College in Daraga, was raped and killed inside the Camalig North Central Elementary School. The case was dismissed several times but was reopened last March 8 by the Supreme Court.

Ronnie Lorejo, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

Preliminary hearing on journalist's slay begins

PAGADIAN CITY—The Department of Justice on Wednesday began the much-delayed preliminary hearing on the death of crusading journalist Edgar Damalerio.

Ricardo Cabaron, Western Mindanao state prosecutor who led the three-man DOJ panel, explained that the delay was due to the late receipt of a memorandum on the hearing from the DOJ central office.

The memorandum was forwarded to the panel only this month, he said.

Cabaron's group formally received the complaint filed by Gemma, the journalist's widow, and the testimony of witnesses Edgar Amoro and Edgar Ungue.

Ms Damalerio also came face to face with PO1 Guillermo Wapille, the alleged killer of her husband.

Wapille appeared before the DOJ team with his lawyer Flavio Cordero at the Hall of Justice here around 9 a.m.

Reporters were barred from covering the controversial case but sources told the INQUIRER that the witnesses have positively tagged Wapille as the one who shot Damalerio on May 13.

The witnesses said Wapille was onboard one of the two motorcycles tailing Damalerio along F.S. Pajares Avenue.

Upon reaching the provincial office of the Department of Agrarian Reform, which is some 300 meters from the city police headquarters, the witnesses said Wapille drew a .45 caliber pistol and shot the journalist.

Amoro and Ungue were riding with Damalerio when the incident occurred and they claimed they clearly saw Wapille's face.

Despite this, the DOJ still needed to wait for additional affidavits from the complainants and the suspect before deciding if there was a prima facie case, Cabaron said.

Lawyer Friolo Icao Jr., NBI district chief, said a statement by a third witness, who was gunned down on Aug. 10, would be one of the documents they would be presenting.

Armed men in Tukuran town waylaid the third witness, Jovy Lobitana, who was also known as Jury Ladica.

Icao said Lobitana knew who ordered Damalerio's death.

In San Pablo City, a group of editors, publishers and journalists in the city and abroad strongly denounced the brutal and brazen way of silencing a crusading journalist.

Journalists here are preparing to launch a campaign seeking justice for Sonny Alcantara's sudden demise, which they claim is a threat to press freedom.

Alcantara was a publisher and editor of the Kokus newsweekly and producer/program host of Quo Vadis San Pablo at Celestron Cable TV.

He was gunned down by three unidentified gunmen on Thursday morning while riding his motorbike along President Elpidio Quirino Street of the City Subdivision near his residence. He was on his way to work when he sustained a single bullet in the face, which caused his death at the San Pablo City Community Hospital.

The Reporters Without Borders (RWB), an international organization that defends press freedom, issued a statement denouncing the death of Alcantara.

Robert Menard, RWB secretary-general, said in a letter to Interior Secretary Jose Lina that "the predators of press freedom act with such impunity in certain regions of the Philippines that they show no inhibitions about attacking those who dare denounce their crimes and corruption.

Alcantara was the third journalist to be murdered this year. The two were Benjaline Hernandez of Davao City and Damalerio.

The RWB statement said that persons close to the victim assumed that Alcantara had felt under threat because of the articles he wrote that allegedly criticized the city's former mayor, Vicente Amante.

Amante refused to comment on the issue.

RWB urged Lina to intervene in order to ensure that both those behind this latest killing and those who carried it out are identified.

Mayor Florante Aquino, who also condemned Alcantara's killing, instructed Police Chief Senior Supt. Ernesto D. Cuizon to exhaust efforts to solve the crime as soon as possible and bring the culprits before the proper courts. *Hernan P. dela Cruz, PDI Mindanao Bureau and Romulo Ponte and Diwa Aquino, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

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The world's taekwondo champ

By Aquiles Z. Zonio
General Santos City

HE returned bringing home the bacon but without much fanfare.

Robert Joshua Danao, 40, bested the world's reigning taekwondo champion, including several jin masters from 12 participating countries during the recent USA 2002 World Taekwondo championships held on June 28-30 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

It was not an ordinary feat for a 54-kilogram, five-foot four-inch tall taekwondo instructor to subdue a foreign enemy right in his own turf.

He deserves a hero's welcome, but the humble, soft-spoken multi-awarded jin master said he was not asking for it.

"I am not alone. There are so many unsung heroes in this land. I am not seeking for publicity or recognition. What is more important for me is achievement," he said.

For winning the individual forms (poomse) in senior division's open category, Robert received a $500-cash prize, a plaque and a trophy from the tournament organizers.

His team also emerged as champion in the cardio kick-boxing competition.

From national officials, he got nothing but a handshake from Sen. Robert Jaworski, chair of the Senate sports committee.

The city government here pledged a P30,000-cash reward, but this will be released by December yet.

A five-member team representing the Philippines left for Las Vegas on June 24. The members of the team include Robert, Julie Ann Lee, Osmundo Quitain Jr., Aileen Embay and playing coach Rodolfo Demafeliz Jr.

Philippine Sports Commission chair Eric Buhain, former GenSan City mayor Adel Antonino, GenSan-based businessman Dorec Mejorada, Zamboanga City Rep. Celso Lobregat, Casino Phils., Kix and two other Manila-based politicians helped finance the team's travel abroad.

The champ

Born on Feb. 5, 1962 in Midsayap, Cotabato, Robert was the fourth child in a brood of seven.

He finished B.S. Criminology at the Zamboanga A.E. Colleges in Zamboanga City in 1983. A third dan black belter, Robert is a taekwondo national instructor and national referee.

He is also an undefeated national champion in *kyukpa* (breakings) and a national holder in *poomse* (forms or *kata*).

ROBERT Joshua Danao (right wearing white kimono) receives the championship award from Hollywood actor and world martial arts expert Eric Lee. AQUILES ZONIO

His father, the late Jaime Danao, was a Korean war veteran and a retired second lieutenant in the Philippine Army.

Aside from Robert, two of his younger brothers have created their own niche in the field of sports. Ferdinand, an enlisted member of the Philippine Navy, at one time won the plum in the Armed Forces of the Philippines Taekwondo Championship, while Rolando had also been an amateur boxing champ in Zamboanga City.

Among the seven siblings, only Robert goes full-time teaching taekwondo. In the family, he is considered the best.

Robert is married to Teresita with whom he has three children: Rossbie, Angela and John Zachary.

All the three siblings regularly undergo taekwondo training.

Martial artist

The champ began his martial arts training (Okinawan style) in 1970 at Camp Evangelista, Cagayan de Oro City.

Aside from studying karatedo, he also joined training on amateur boxing and track event.

He went to Manila in 1987 to undergo formal training on taekwondo. His brother-in-law, Romeo Fadreqela, a master sergeant in the Philippine Army, encouraged him to take taekwondo lessons. Fadreqela is an instructor and a national AFP taekwondo champion.

In 1990, he started his career as a taekwondo assistant instructor at the Colegio San Agustin in Makati City.

Since then, he had been serving as head instructor in several taekwondo gyms in Metro Manila.

Taekwondo was first introduced in General Santos in April 1997 when Robert and actor Monsour del Rosario graced the opening of the World Taekwondo Gym, the first such gym in GenSan.

The gym owners requested the Philippine Taekwondo Association to provide them an instructor.

Master Sung Chon Hung, chief instructor of the Philippine Taekwondo Association based in Manila, sent Robert to serve as head instructor of the then newly-opened gym.

"I was then earning about P50,000 monthly as head instructor of several taekwondo gyms in Manila. But I accepted the offer with the hope that I could develop champions from this part of the country," Robert said.

World Taekwondo Gym offered only a P12,000-monthly salary, but for Robert, "money is nothing. What's more important is self-fulfillment. It's something money can't buy."

He said he was challenged to stay in GenSan despite financial woes because of his commitment to the sport and to his students.

"I saw lots of potentials here. So I decided to stay for good. There were times when I heard complaints from some members of my immediate family. But they learned to respect my decision and later on supported me all the way."

His stint with the World Taekwondo Gym was short-lived though. In 2001, Robert resigned as head instructor of the Gym. It was painful, he said, to bid goodbye to students he learned to hold dear in his heart.

Some of his students followed where their master went. With help from the parents of some of his students, Robert put up his own gym, the Dragon Heart Taekwondo Gym.

Dream come true

Barely a year after the establishment of his gym, Robert began reaping the fruits of his sacrifices.

Dragon Heart Gym was adjudged over-all champion during the national taekwondo competition at the Ninoy Aquino Memorial Stadium last Aug. 3-4.

The most recent was Robert's successful campaign in the USA 2002 World Taekwondo Championships.

This November, a 10-member delegation representing the Dragon Heart gym here will fly to Las Vegas Nevada to join another world taekwondo competition.

Dong Sup Kim, president of the US World Taekwondo School, personally invited Dragon Heart to send participants.

Robert said they need help from benefactors to be able to attend the prestigious competition.

While still serving as head instructor of the World Taekwondo Gym, Robert had produced several champions.

Among them were brothers JP and Bryan Sabido and Silac Mangondili. The Sabido brothers were both taekwondo champions in several national competitions. They are now varsity players representing the University of the Philippines-Diliman.

Mangondili, a female jin undefeated in the regional and national levels, had received an offer from the De La Salle University.

"But my mission is not merely to produce champions but to discover potentials from the grassroots level," he said. He plans to introduce taekwondo among the students and out-of-school youth in the grassroots.

"I want to reach out to those who have potentials in far-flung areas but could hardly afford (the expenses). By doing this, I can help them stay away from drugs and other vices," he said.

He said he was going to submit a proposal to the local sports office to allow the Dragon Heart to conduct free taekwondo clinics in various barangays in the city.

Those selected will be given scholarship by the Dragon Heart Gym and Holy Trinity College. The gym provides free martial arts training, while the school offers free tuition.

As of the moment, Robert said the gym and its school-partner have accommodated eight scholars. He wants to accommodate more, since many showed great potential.

"The gym is earning just enough to sustain its operation. So we could not afford to accommodate more scholars at the moment," he said. To help in his endeavor, the Mejorada family, who owns the building rented by the Dragon Heart Gym, had reduced the monthly rental from P10,000 to just P7,000.

"The gym's income is just break even. However, I am very optimistic we can eventually overcome this difficulty," Robert said.

The heart and soul of a city

By Radzini Oledan
Davao City

WE are all connected. Each aspect is a strand that contributes to the whole design. Take any fraction of the strand and the whole design collapses.

The indigenous peoples, the heart and soul of the city and in fact, its earlier inhabitants have a very interesting yet fast eroding culture.

Pushed into the hinterlands as newer systems and cultures took place, our indigenous peoples now live mostly in impoverished situation, lacking in health care and marginalized in the delivery of other basic social services such as education.

Often tapped in token government ceremonies and activities and used by groups to further their interests, the story on how they were driven further and further inland, into the uplands and hinterlands is a history of denial, deceit and deprivation.

"Years ago, our ancestors inhabited the land . . . settlers came, waving in front of them a piece of paper called land title. Our ancestors did not understand it. Like most of us now, they were illiterate," Bai Alma Dinayap said.

Most of the tribes do not want trouble and thus they fled, Dinayap said.

Coastal people

"They did not want trouble and the mountains were still vast and unoccupied so they fled and left precious, sacred roots behind," she added.

In the past, Davao City's indigenous peoples live along the coasts. They settled near rivers not too far from seacoasts such as the Lasang River that divides Davao City and Davao province. As such, they commonly derive their tribal names from the name of the rivers in the territories and domains where they dwelt.

What sets them apart from those who succumb to modernity is their strong sense of territoriality, deeply rooted respect and reverence for the environment, spiritual relations with the land, with no concept of absolute individual ownership of land and its resources, and general adherence to customs and traditions.

Local historian Ernesto Corcino said Davao could claim the distinction of having within its territory the most number of indigenous tribal communities.

"Intermarriages among the three original racial stocks, geographic division of the mixed races and the resultant differences in customs and dialects apparently brought the present distinctions among the many tribes in Davao," Corcino added.

Based on the *lumad* ethno-linguistic groupings, the city is home to Ata, at the west, northwest and northeast of Mt. Apo, corresponding to the northern portion of the present city territory; and the Bagobo, at the foothills east and south of Mt. Apo, along the stretch from Talomo to Bolotucan river.

Powerful people

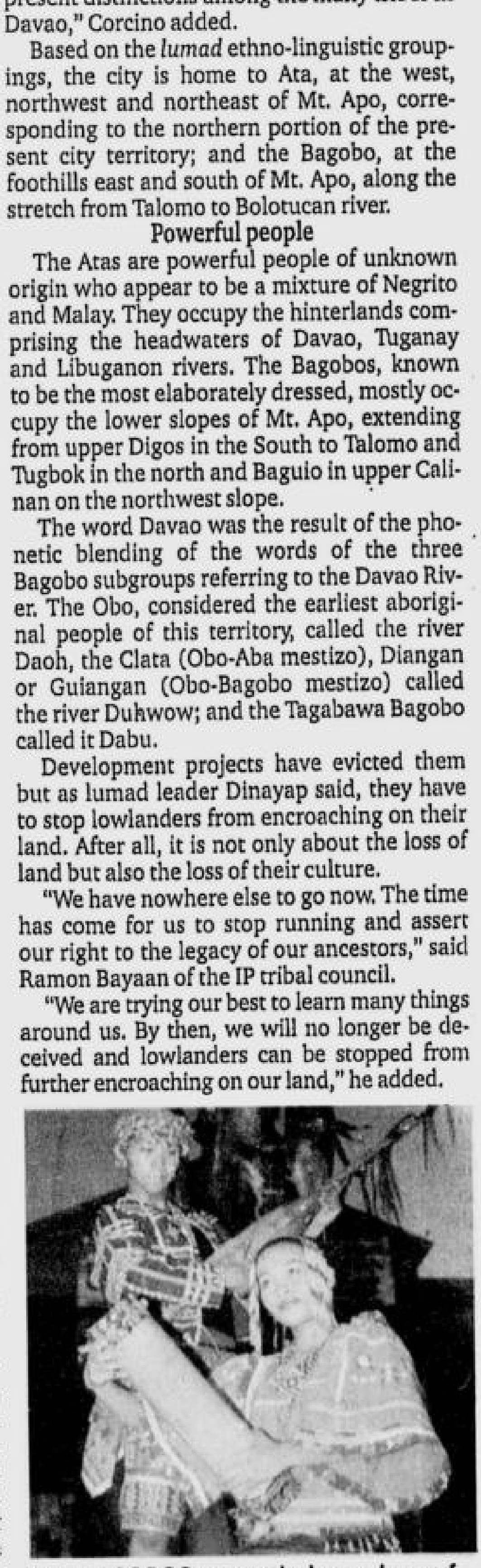
The Atas are powerful people of unknown origin who appear to be a mixture of Negrito and Malay. They occupy the hinterlands comprising the headwaters of Davao, Tuganay and Libuganon rivers. The Bagobos, known to be the most elaborately dressed, mostly occupy the lower slopes of Mt. Apo, extending from upper Digos in the South to Talomo and Tugbok in the north and Baguio in upper Calinan on the northwest slope.

The word Davao was the result of the phonetic blending of the words of the three Bagobo subgroups referring to the Davao River. The Obo, considered the earliest aboriginal people of this territory, called the river Daoh, the Clata (Obo-Aba mestizo), Diangan or Guiangan (Obo-Bagobo mestizo) called the river Duhwow; and the Tagabawa Bagobo called it Dabu.

Development projects have evicted them but as lumad leader Dinayap said, they have to stop lowlanders from encroaching on their land. After all, it is not only about the loss of land but also the loss of their culture.

"We have nowhere else to go now. The time has come for us to stop running and assert our right to the legacy of our ancestors," said Ramon Bayaan of the IP tribal council.

"We are trying our best to learn many things around us. By then, we will no longer be deceived and lowlanders can be stopped from further encroaching on our land," he added.



THE BAGOBOS occupy the lower slopes of Mt. Apo. RYAN LIM

GRP vs NDF in a Word War

A NEW word war has erupted again between the Government of the Republic of the Philippines (GRP) and the National Democratic Front (NDF). Talks of "all-out war" have once again captured the headlines of both the national and local dailies. President Macapagal-Arroyo and founding chair of the Communist Party of the Philippines Jose Maria Sison have traded threats and course of actions that do not augur well for the nation.

What is this noise all about? Is this purely a word war between the two protagonists in that tragic drama of Philippines War and Peace? While people acknowledge the existence of "hawks" and "doves" on both sides of the divide, they continue to ask the question whether peace is achievable within our lifetime. The very language people use point to a general direction of war even for simply sound bytes.

The Philippine government recently issued a nine-point guideline that defines its "new" position vis-a-vis the CPP-NPA. In its guidelines, the CPP-NPA is identified to have engaged in "terrorist acts against civilian targets." The Macapagal government "welcomes the action of the US declaring the CPP-NPA as a terrorist organization, this is not interference in the internal affairs of the Philippines."

"The government will maintain open lines of communication with the CPP-NPA in the hope of ending the employment of violence and terrorism as a means to attain political ends, and to achieve national unity and reconciliation under the Constitution."

Kusog

Fr. Eliseo R. Mercado Jr.

The new nine-point guideline that defines the new government policy, in many ways, indicates a departure from the commonly agreed steps in peace process first signed in the Hague, Netherlands, and re-affirmed in Oslo, Norway, in March 2001 upon the resumption of the formal peace talks between the GRP and the NDF.

The new word war between the GRP and the NDF hopefully remains as "sound bytes." However, with the explicit entry of the US in the war against the CPP-NPA as part of its so-called global war against terror, the equation has dramatically changed. Whether or not the Philippine government reads the US war against the CPP-NPA as interference in a purely domestic affair, the line is drawn.

Peace advocates nationwide and region-wide (Asean) are beginning to worry about the new government policy that is seen as following or "towing" the US line. The timing is tragic or perfect (depending on where one stands), because the guidelines have come out after the US has tagged the CPP-NPA as a terrorist organization.

The new policy rings a bell. In the Southern Philippines, the same "new" policy and the military campaigns against Abu Sayyaf groups also resulted from the same US "tag." The previously labeled "lawless" elements suddenly became terrorists post-Sept. 11 and thereby became targets for the US so-called war against terror. In fact, the US has identified not only the ASG as part of the al-Qaida network but also the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF).

For a while the joint US-AFP military campaigns against the MILF have been put on hold. But if the "hawks" had won the day, the "Balikatan" part two was launched in Central Mindanao. The local provincial governments, acting as super hawks in the same manner as during the all-out war in the year 2000, have invited the joint US-AFP troops to conduct the "Balikatan" part two exercises in Central Mindanao.

The major concerns post US tagging the CPP-NPA as terrorist organization are the following: First, will the continuing "Balikatan" joint military exercises between the US and the GRP be directed against the CPP-NPA? Second, will the redeployment of Philippine troops in the CPP-NPA "infested" or influenced areas and regions be read as a prelude to an all-out military campaign against the CPP-NPA? Will the new policy result to an all-out war against the CPP-NPA? Will US Special Forces just as in the Southern Philippines take a very active role in the military campaigns against the CPP-NPA?

These concerns are all well grounded considering the fact that the present government's policies both in politics and economics have dovetailed those of the US. With or without "safety nets" and very much earlier than any of our Asean neighbors, the government has adopted the neo-liberal capitalism in toto.

In similar vein, the government has adopted hook, line and sinker, the US so-called "war against terror."

This development is very tragic since the same neo-liberal capitalism is now being identified not only as the very cause of the ever-increasing poverty in the world but also of the ever-widening gap between the poor and the rich. Poverty, social exclusion and injustice (real or perceived) are now universally acknowledged as sources of insurgency, separatism and conflicts. Yet, the very policy that defines the "war against terror" is the same policy that continues to spawn "terrorism" and "extremism."

It is high time that people of goodwill and peace advocates worldwide speak up and be counted not only in opposing the war slogan against terror, but also in examining critically the said policy in the light of world realities as challenged by their beliefs and commonly accepted principles as enshrined in the many United Nations declarations and documents.

The Church as a paramount institution that espouses a pro-life stance should take the lead in exposing and opposing the bankruptcy of the slogan, "war against terror" and the slogan "all-out war" as well. Once again, we need to be reminded that we cannot take a pro-life stance and at the same time espouse a policy of war and capital punishment.

They used their coconuts to build a dream farm

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With copra domestic prices down and coconut oil exports on free fall, the previous landowners were only too willing to dispose of 45 hectares of mostly coconut land, not excluding livelihood-challenged tenants.

Paradoxically, it was in the export of crafted artificial plants to Europe that Eckard Rempe made his mark in the country with his highly rated Berde Plants that he maintains to this day. But he could not rationalize why he was simultaneously drawn towards a natural organic food lifestyle.

There was nothing dramatic about his paradigm shift except to trace it to a book "Why Christians Still Get Sick" that came his way in a state of plain burnout. From then on he traveled to health resorts in Bali, Thailand, Germany and the United States in pursuit of an experiential place to live the natural way.

It became more and more apparent to the former church deacon turned wholistic wellness advocate that he had found his land of contradiction in San Benito out of which his vision of an honest-to-goodness health farm ("Please don't call it a spa") would rise from the ashes of a diseased humanity—and coconut industry.

Despite the odds, Eckard and Perla followed their intuition: there was something in the cool climate and lush greenery shielded from the elements by a volcanic mountain, that transcended the antagonism of its proud, almost tribal-driven community.

Make mine *barako*

During the initial years, recalls Perla, "you could hear gunshots echoing through the coconut trees." The village kingpins brandished their guns, homemade or long-arm, in celebration of every occasion to assert their tribal dominion.

Not that the Rempes were ever threatened physically but early on, not only were the farmers not turning over the landowner's share of the proceeds, they were also slowly dissipating its resources.

It was a marginalized, illiterate and handicapped person who first stepped forward from the proud San Benito barrio to work in the farm. Where before his improved stature was a source of envy, it soon became an impetus for the community to follow.

The antagonism came to a head when the farmland was finally fenced off three years ago to preserve the natural habitat for a world-class health farm. When the fence for which they were contracted to erect was completed, its access gate from the village was riddled with bullets by the last remaining holdout among them that sent a strong-as-a-*barako* message.

Perla, a diminutive Bulakeña, faced off with the Batangueño barangay leaders eye to eye, reaching into their tough facade to win their trust. She struck a deal with the barrio captains where she would ensure jobs and a continuing livelihood if the community, in turn, would secure not just the plantation but their families' future.

Sustainable tree of life

To generate new jobs and support the neighboring barangays, the Rempes founded the San Benito Virgin Coconut Oil project wherein the coconut tree of life philosophy found fruition.

Virgin coconut oil extraction has been utilized in India for Ayurvedic medicine for thousands of years. In coconut-rich Philippines, the traditional method of extracting oil by grating the fresh coconut, extracting the coconut milk, and then letting the coconut milk stand in a covered bucket for 24-36 hours is slowly being lost to commerce.

Lost, too, are essential nutrients in significant amounts such as enzymes, vitamin E and natural antioxidants in commercial grade coconut oil.

The commercial process of refining coconut oil through a high-temperature mechanical expeller uses smoke-dried meat (copra) as raw material which must be refined, bleached and deodorized. Nutrients are lost to heat and impurities accumulate through multiple handling, necessitating the use of additives.

San Benito virgin coconut oil improves on the old-fashioned method with a more efficient and hygienic mechanized system that reduces contamination caused by manual handling and completes production within a day.

To ensure pharmaceutical quality and increased output, an Australian chemist developed the labor-intensive, village-level technology wherein freshly harvested coconut meat as raw material is cold-pressed within hours through a mechanical expeller that does not require heat and additives to produce food-grade oil.

While refined coconut oil undergoes a capital-intensive method over a period of time to produce metric tons, virgin coconut oil goes through a faster yet hygienic process to turn out a few precious liters a day.

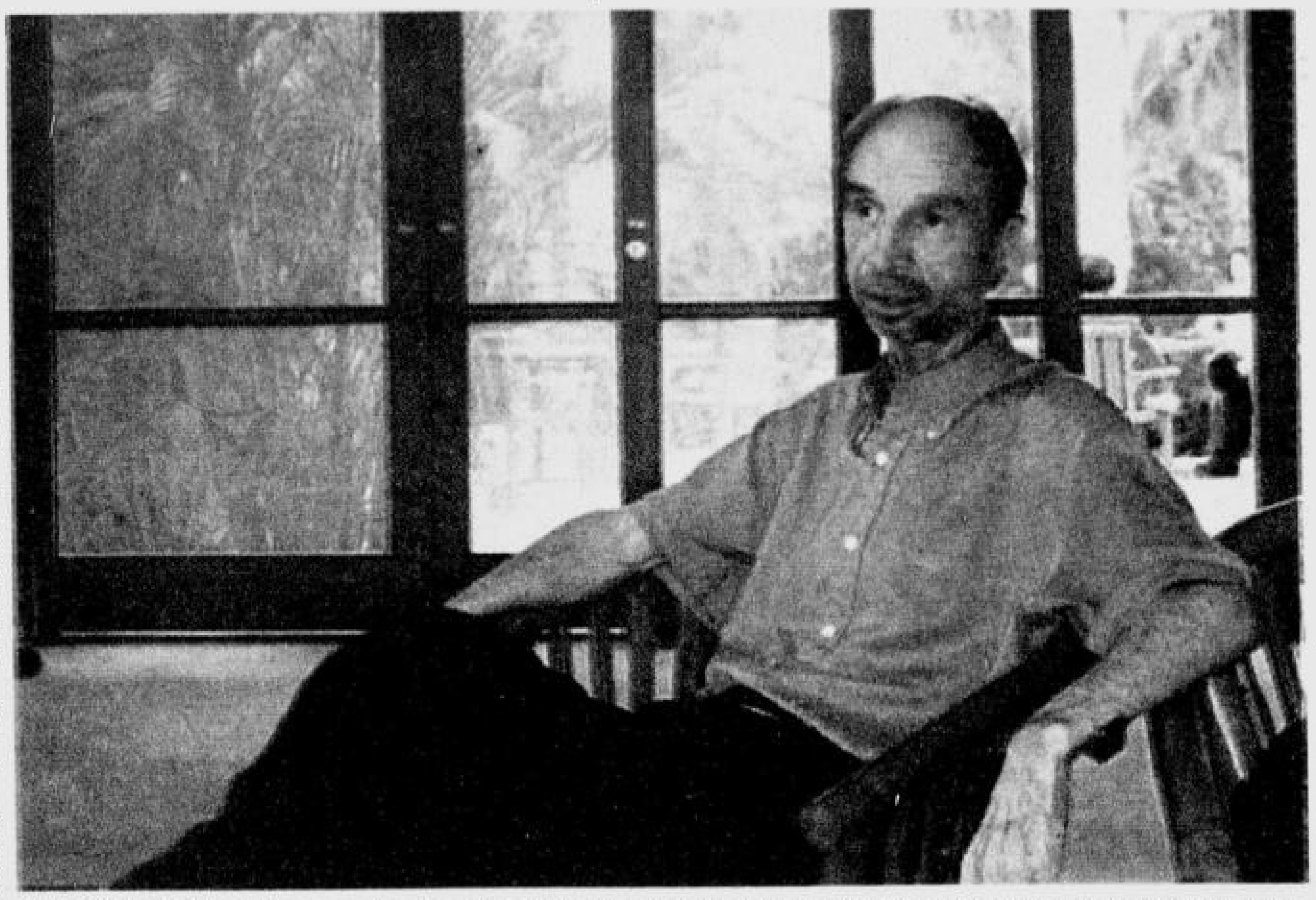
All natural

What comes out is virgin coconut oil that is non-hydrogenated, non-refined, non-bleached and non-deodorized. The oil is clearer (as the vision for San Benito), more nutritious (no nutrient is lost to heat), all-natural, preservatives- and cholesterol-free, with the distinct aroma and flavor retained.

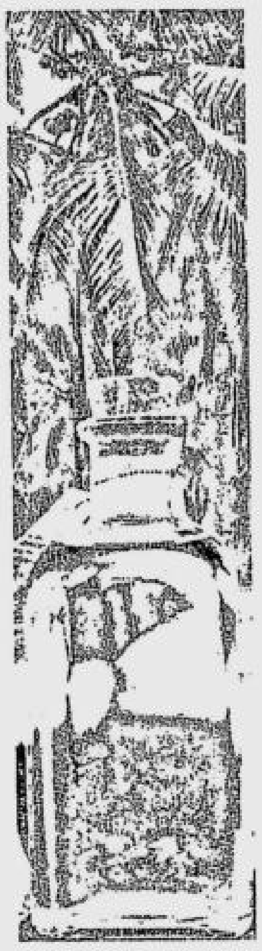
It improves on the traditional uses of coconut oil many times over.

With the advent of "back-to-nature herbs" and natural medicine, virgin coconut oil is increasingly being used in hospitals around the world to treat digestive or mal-absorption problems. It is a good carrier oil for aromatic massage and is perfect for skin and scalp conditioning. The produce has also found a market in an emerging American raw food industry.

The income from the project is plowed back to the communities to sustain a school and a future, earmarked for school libraries and sanitary facilities.



VISIONARY Eckard Rempe talks about his restaurant at the San Benito Health Farm which he calls 85-15 to indicate the ratio of raw to cooked food served. LYNETT VILLARIBA



THE FARM produces virgin coconut oil.

Eckard's passion for natural medicine and organic products is supported by studies on the health benefits of coconut oil. It takes a foreigner to remind us that coconut oil is a primary ingredient in infant milk formulas. He goes even farther to say that pure coconut water is best for lacto-intolerant infants. He rues the disinformation by drug companies depriving the poor of an affordable natural source of nutrition.

Coconut oil scare

Eckard also cites the fall of the coconut oil industry on the yarn that the American Soybean Association began spinning in the 1970s, capitalizing on the American public fear of saturated fats and their perceived association with heart disease. The faulty study—inaccurately based on hydrogenated coconut oil—was later dispelled by Harvard medical research which stated that natural coconut oil does not contain bad cholesterol.

Ever one to stake his money where his coconut is, Eckard has taken care to back up his venture with more scientific data attesting that cholesterol-free virgin coconut oil is rapidly metabolized by the body and, unlike most oils or fats, is directly converted into energy. This, in effect, should aid in weight loss as it speeds up metabolism.

Even as the then US Surgeon-General had declared the tropical oil scare as mere "foolishness," the soybean oil campaign was successful in destroying the reputation of coconut and palm oils as food products internationally.

Whichever method—heat or cold-pressed—is dictated by a demand-driven market, the constant is that coconut oil is an organic product. Unlike chemically fertilized palm and canola oils, it takes only tropical sea breeze and rainwater to make a coconut tree prolific.

Not tough nut to crack

The coconut farm was primarily intended to complement an integrated venture. From virgin coconut oil to *buko* juice, from organic soaps to therapeutic edible oils, Eckard envisioned a wholistic health farm not just for growing coconuts but for nurturing wellness in the best possible environment that natural—and financial—resources can nurture.

Planned with German meticulousness, the health facility, which integrates alternative and conventional medicine the natural way, has been two years in the making and is not without its trials, community- and investment-wise. As the dream is about to be completed, the Rempes realize that the greater passion lies in educating the people it touches—from the impoverished farmer to the spa habitué—on how to work with nature to achieve a state of well-being.

While the health farm is building up to be the premier Hippocratic center in Asia, its virgin coconut oil production is slowly awakening the coconut industry on the micro level of small coconut farmers and their mindset.

The Farm of San Benito has shown the way in creating a synergy between nature and man. For a sunset industry to turn around, it must adapt new ways of using coconut as food with therapeutic properties unsurpassed by any known oil seeds outside the tropics.

The coconut, after all, is a fruit, not a (tough) nut (to crack).

Elite troops land in Jolo

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remnants of the Abu Sayyaf.

"They are what we call the hard-hitting force," he said. "They may be few but they are equipped and have received sophisticated training."

But in Manila, the militant fisherfolk group Pamalakaya wondered why the military had to deploy battalions to go after supposed drug addicts. ***(See related story on Page A1)***

"Why send 6,000 troops just to chase a band of addicts?" Pamalakaya information chief Gerry Albert Corpuz said in a statement. "Perhaps (Defense) Secretary (Angelo) Reyes and his group of puppet . . . officials in the military are sick and tired of using the Abu Sayyaf issue as an excuse to justify the state's stupid war."

Corpuz also said the police, and not the military, should have been assigned the task of hunting down the supposed drug addicts.

Military plan

Tolentino said the military had drawn up a plan to ensure the safe recovery of not only the four women but also Indonesian captives Muntu Jacobus Winowatan, Jul Kipli and Pieter Lerrich in Luuk.

But he quickly clarified that the military's current activities in Sulu concerned only deployment and were not intended as a rescue operation.

"We are not yet conducting an intensified military operation because of the five-day (period) given" to those negotiating the unconditional release of the captives, he said.

Agence France Presse quoted Armed Forces Chief of Staff Gen. Roy Cimatu as saying that authorities were awaiting the results of talks between officials and Sahiron's mother late Friday.

"The military is there and we can go in any time, but we will give negotiations a chance," Cimatu said.

Grand Imam Yacob Ismi, a respected Muslim cleric, said that but for his failing health, he could negotiate the safe release of the captives and the surrender of their abductors.

"I can easily convince these people to surrender, but because of my serious health problem, I can no longer walk," Ismi said.

Like the military, the cleric rejected any negotiation anchored on the payment of ransom for the captives' release.

The group of Sahiron, also known as Kumander Mubarak, abducted two male and four female Jehovah's Witnesses near Patikul town on Tuesday.

The severed heads of the two men—Leonel Mantic and Lemuel Bantolo—were subsequently found in a public market in Jolo. The bodies are still missing.

"Our troops as well as local government officials have taken action to pursue the bandits responsible for this," President Macapagal-Arroyo said yesterday in her weekly radio address.

Officials initially attributed the abduction to the Abu Sayyaf, but then backtracked and said the kidnappers were drug addicts in the Abu Sayyaf stronghold of Patikul.

Ismi condemned the beheading of Mantic and Bantolo.

"They should be punished for that," the cleric said of Sahiron's group. "Muslims are allowed to kill people with heavy sins or those who have killed other people, but we are not allowed to kill, or worse, to behead innocent and hapless civilians."

According to reports, Sahiron's group beheaded the two male captives on suspicion that they were military assets.

Clear targets

Ismi, who served as Islamic teacher to slain Abu Sayyaf leader Abubakar Janjalani, former Moro National Liberation Front chair Nur Misuari and Moro Islamic Liberation Front chair Hashim Salamat, said he supported military action against armed groups in Sulu, but aired reservations on the planned intensified operation.

"It's all right with me if they (mount military action) as long as the targets are clear and it will be (directed) against bad people, not civilians harvesting their crops of durian, lanzones and mangosteen," he told the INQUIRER.

Ismi said he had relayed his views on the ongoing deployment and planned operation to three generals who had come to see him.

He said he considered military action as a tool for the restoration of peace and order in Sulu, but stressed that it should be carefully implemented to ensure that civilians would not be caught in the crossfire.

The Associated Press quoted Southern Command chief Lt. Gen. Ernesto Carolina as saying that local officials were worried that a military operation would hamper fruit harvests and cause losses of millions of pesos to farmers.

He said the officials gave a "best-effort estimate of five days" starting Friday to negotiate the remaining captives' unconditional release.

"If the hostages will not be released, intense military operations will go on and (the farmers) will be unable to harvest," Carolina said.

With the military preparing for an offensive against Sahiron's group, police are gathering information to back planned charges against the kidnappers.

Chief Supt. Acmad Omar, police director of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao, said investigators were preparing to get the testimony of witnesses to the abduction.

Omar said the "thorough investigation" would be conducted "in coordination with the military."

He also said he had dispatched police officers to help the military secure Sulu from further violence.

'On their own'

Continuing to retract their earlier statements, military officials ruled out any conspiracy between Sahiron's group and the Abu Sayyaf.

Military spokesperson Brig. Gen. Eduardo Purificacion said that while it had been confirmed that Sahiron was a nephew of a top Abu Sayyaf commander, he and "his group of bandits" operated independently in carrying out the Tuesday abduction.

"They did it on their own," Purificacion said in a phone interview in Manila. Echoing Defense Secretary Reyes, he said Sahiron's group was composed of "bandits and drug addicts."

His statements were a complete take-off from the military's earlier pronouncements that the kidnappers were members of the Abu Sayyaf.

Purificacion also denied earlier military reports that Sahiron's group had joined forces with the group of Abu Sayyaf leader Khadaffy Janjalani. ***With reports from AP and AFP***

Marcelo: Looking for 'work for the soul'

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scribed as "work for the soul."

"My plan was that at age 50, I'll be devoting 20 percent of my time each year for pro bono work like legal aid and taking part in NGO (nongovernment organization) work and teaching," Marcelo told the INQUIRER.

And by the time he reached 55, he would have completely disengaged from his law firm and go full-time pro bono.

"I'm already financially independent. I've had it all. There's work for the soul that must be attended to," Marcelo said.

While outsiders perceive the Carpio Villaraza and Cruz as a hard-as-nails law firm, Marcelo said the office actually encourages its members to spend time working pro bono.

"Your pro bono work is counted in your evaluation as if you actually did work for paying clients," he said.

From 1980-1982, Marcelo worked with the Accra law firm. Then he joined Carpio Villaraza and Cruz.

From 1997 to 1999, he was chair of the Integrated Bar of the Philippines (IBP) national committee on legal aid, which was instrumental in reviving the celebrated Rosielyn Federico rape-slay case in Marikina. The court had previously cleared the suspects but, with the IBP's help, the case was eventually reopened and the suspects convicted.

In 2000, Marcelo headed the IBP's task force on child abuse.

His areas of practice included litigation, intra-corporate disputes, bank fraud, corporate restructuring and recovery, arbitration and election law.

Today, the Solicitor General reports for work in his Makati office seven days a week. He clocks in at 8:30 a.m. and often stays in his office until past midnight.

The sight of case folders open and spread on the carpet, shelves and long tables greets visitors at his office.

"Lawyering is like going to war. One must be relentless in attack. You cannot afford to lose the initiative," Marcelo said when asked about his professional ethic.

Marcelo had thought of spending only two years at the OSG before eventually going back to his original career plan.

But with the retirement of Ombudsman Aniano Desierto last Aug. 4, it appears Marcelo may have to face a new challenge.

"I did not even think my name would be among those mentioned for the post," Marcelo said. "But I'm not going to decline (if it is offered)."

Ombudsman's task

For Marcelo, the pressing task of the incoming Ombudsman is clear.

"We need to have a closure for both Edsa I and II. We need to win the Marcos and crony cases for the first. We need to convict Estrada for the second," Marcelo said.

Marcelo noted that the cases involving the family and cronies of the late President Ferdinand Marcos have been languishing before the courts for 15 years.

"We owe a debt to those who made Edsa I possible," he said. "Plus now we have a standing debt to the people of Edsa II."

Marcelo pointed out two big cases involving the Marcoses and their cronies: the Marcos Swiss bank accounts and the coconut levy.

"We're talking of at least P35 billion in the Swiss accounts and some P75 billion to P100 billion in the levy cases. Can you imagine the benefits the country will get if we recover all these money?" Marcelo said.

He is confident that the government will secure a conviction for deposed President Joseph Estrada who is facing plunder charges before the Sandiganbayan.

"I don't think I'm an opinionated person. I can objectively assess the evidence and if you follow what we call the 'bouncing ball,' it all leads to Estrada," Marcelo said.

"What happened to the Marcos cases should not happen to the Estrada case," he added.

As proof of his peers' respect for his litigation skills, Marcelo was chosen to present the testimony of former Ilocos Sur Gov. Luis "Chavit" Singson during the impeachment trial of Estrada before the Senate. The nation was riveted as Marcelo conducted his examination of the star witness and former gambling pal of Estrada.

Marcelo said there was a need to hire at least 30 more lawyers as special prosecutors in the Office of the Ombudsman.

"The function of the Ombudsman is divided in two: preliminary investigation and prosecution. It's not enough that you file cases. You must win these cases," he said.

Drive to win

At the OSG, Marcelo has proven what he's capable of.

A month after being named solicitor general, he filed a petition before the Supreme Court seeking to nullify a Sandiganbayan resolution allowing Eduardo Cojuangco Jr. and other Marcos cronies to vote their shares in the government-sequestered United Coconut Planters Bank.

The petition led to the Supreme Court decision of Dec. 14, 2001 declaring the contested coconut levy as "prima facie public funds," an unprecedented ruling that resolved with definitiveness the nature of the levy.

Marcelo's long experience in private law practice developed his sharp drive to win.

"In private practice, you still get paid even if you lose the case. But there's no premium in that. There's no extra unlike when you win; that's how you get your millions," he said.

Now that he is in government, Marcelo wants to even the odds between state lawyers and barristers representing heavyweight law firms.

"We need more lawyers, strong ones. And to attract top-notch lawyers, we must offer good pay. We must give them the resources to fight," he said.

Marcelo pointed out that in a typical hearing at the Sandiganbayan, one overworked government lawyer would usually handle five cases and he'll be up against five private and highly paid lawyers who represent a client each.

"Think private sector, results oriented," Marcelo said. "Avoid what is known as being 'penny wise, pound foolish.'"

Subic reunion: Gordon taps US war vets

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Qaida terrorists.

"I think the Philippines is one of the safest countries in the world," he said at a press conference Wednesday at the Army and Navy Club. "We tend to be hard on our country, but look at the headlines here, kids are being kidnapped."

Retired Col. Warren Wiedham, Military Historical Tours president and chief executive officer, cited Department of Veterans Affairs statistics of over 31 million military men and women and their families with links to Subic.

This figure, he said, includes 12.3 million World War II veterans, 4.7 million Korean War veterans, 8.2 million Vietnam War veterans, and 6.1 million peacetime servicemen and servicewomen.

Wiedham, a Korean and Vietnam war veteran, predicted "a slow start, with about 300 ex-servicemen for the first Subic reunion, but the number will steadily rise through the years."

His company boasts of a database of 100,000 veterans. "You multiply that number by two, because 75 to 80 percent bring their spouse along, and that is a lot of business," said Wiedham.

Tourism boost

Philippine Ambassador to the United States Albert del Rosario noted that the fastest way to boost the country's economy is through tourism.

Americans are the Philippines' No. 1 visitors. Last year, they made up 25 percent of the country's total tourists. American tourists stay longer and spend more on accommodations, tours, shopping, recreation and entertainment, he said.

Gordon said this is "the first time in four years that international tourist arrivals are up." This year, he expects 2 million visitors to the Philippines. He's also eyeing the 7.4 million overseas Filipinos—including some 3 million from the United States—as potential visitors.

Gordon was in this US capital as part of a three-continent "Visit the Philippines 2003" campaign. The blitz, which covers nine US cities and includes Asian and European cities, started Aug. 15 in New York.

The promo tour included San Francisco, Los Angeles, San Diego, Las Vegas, Washington D.C., Chicago, New York, New Jersey, as well as Toronto in Canada. Gordon will also travel to Asia (China, Japan and Korea) and Madrid, London, Vienna, Milan and Rome in Europe.

He is accompanied by a delegation of 50 companies in the sales blitz composed of local government units, travel agents, and major supporters such as the Philippine Airlines (PAL) and Singapore Airlines.

Annual event

Military Historical Tours (MHT), founded 15 years ago, has led group tours of veterans and their families annually to European and Asian destinations, including Iwo Jima, Okinawa, Korea and Vietnam.

The agreement between MHT and the tourism department's Philippine Convention and Visitors Corp. calls for tour packages to Asian countries that will include a week in the Philippines (including a luxury liner trip throughout the islands).

The reunion features possible US Navy ship visits, a Philippine bazaar, an Olongapo fiesta, and the dedication of a museum.

Wiedham said there are numerous attractive sites for the veterans, among them Subic, Cubi Point, and Camp John Hay in Baguio. The reunion features trips to Corregidor, the American Memorial Cemetery, Intramuros, Subic Bay and Olongapo City.

"We plan to make the reunion an annual event," said retired Rear Adm. Daniel W. McKinnon Jr., chair of the proposed Subic Bay Alumni Foundation. "Many ships and Marine Corps command have annual reunions, and most have some connection to Subic Bay."

McKinnon, who served as commanding officer of the Navy supply center in 1980, said plans include possible tie-ups with universities that have military history programs. McKinnon and retired Navy Capt. Brian Buzzell, who represented the US Navy in the turnover of the US bases in 1992, are working to establish a Subic Bay Alumni Foundation. The foundation will sponsor scholarships and community projects in Subic.

Travel agencies

Under the Subic program, Rajah Tours is the Philippine-based tour operator, providing ground services. It has a branch in San Francisco and will arrange at least two familiarization tours between now and October next year.

Carl Abella, owner of Alpha Travel based in the neighboring state of Maryland, lamented that tourism officials did not inform or include Filipino-American travel agencies about the Subic Bay reunion.

"I understand why Rajah Tours was chosen for the Subic Bay Reunion. They're one of the largest and oldest agencies around and they know a lot of people in the Philippines. I do not expect the tourism department to give us a slice of the business pie—if it does, that's nice," he said.

"But we expect at least to be informed of a new tourism campaign, or special events of interest to our Philippine-bound passengers," he added. "When the Philippines observed the Centennial in 1998, the government sponsored cultural events the entire month of June but did not tell us about them."

JENNIE ILUSTRE

CONTRACT between Tourism Secretary Richard J. Gordon and retired Col. Warren H. Wiedhaln, president and CEO of the Military Historical Tours, is signed at the Army Navy Club in Washington. Behind them, from left, are Tourism Undersecretary Rolando Reyes, retired Rear Adm. Daniel W. Mckinnon Jr., chair of the formation committee of the Subic Bay Alumni Foundation, retired Capt. Brian Buzzell and Ambassador to the United States Albert del Rosario.

Nobody told Ople of script

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Sayyaf, it was still capable of "small reprisals" such as Tuesday's kidnapping.

"It looks like there is a mopping-up operation to do even after the (military) may have completely degraded the armed strength of the Abu Sayyaf," he told The Associated Press in Kuala Lumpur.

The Macapagal administration has declared the Abu Sayyaf decimated and has been trying to dispel the Philippines' reputation as Asia's kidnap capital.

Ople said the kidnapping was "intended in part to embarrass the Philippine government," but he added he was confident that the military would soon capture the remaining members of the Abu Sayyaf.

Military officials estimated about 150 Abu Sayyaf bandits in Jolo. The group was the target of the six-month RP-US military exercise, Balikatan 02-1, which ended three weeks ago.

OFWs

During his visit to Malaysia, Ople held talks with Deputy Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi and Foreign Minister Syed Hamid Albar, focusing on the plight of thousands of overseas Filipino workers trying to escape a crackdown by Malaysia against illegal immigrants.

Ople said yesterday that Malaysian authorities had agreed to give illegal OFWs seeking to return home more time to obtain the required travel documents.

The amnesty period expired last month. Since Aug. 1, authorities have been enforcing new laws that allow whipping, imprisonment and large fines for illegal foreign workers in wealthy Malaysia, which has become a magnet for migrants from poor neighboring countries.

According to the Philippine Department of Foreign Affairs, some 60,000 Filipinos and their dependents have returned from Malaysia this year. Another 4,000 or so are awaiting deportation.

About 180,000 Filipinos and dependents were estimated to be illegally staying in the Malaysian state of Sabah in Borneo.

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Django pockets year's 5th title

FRANCISCO "Django" Bustamante won Gabriel's Las Vegas Invitational 9-ball championship yesterday, closing his pre-Asian Games tour of the US pro pool circuit with pal Efren "Bata" Reyes with a harvest of three titles and $67,000 between the two of them.

The Las Vegas Invitational was Bustamante's fifth title this year. He won the Japan Open Tokyo in March, IBC World Tour in Munich in June and Motolite World 9-Ball Challenge at Araneta Coliseum, Quezon City in June. He placed second in the 2002 World Pool Championship in Cardiff, Wales, last July after losing to Earl Strickland in the finals.

Bustamante defeated former European champion Ralf Souquet of Germany in straight sets, 5-3, 5-2, 5-4, in the finals to win the title and $7,000 prize after disposing of former US Open Champion Rodney Morris 2-1 (5-3, 3-5, 5-3) in the best-of-5, race-to-5 matches. Souquet advanced to the finals by beating Allen Hopkins 3-0 in the semis.

Bustamante won the Coliseum Mall Peninsula 9-Ball Open and $10,000 prize in Virginia on Aug. 11. Reyes followed that up by winning the $50,000 winner-take-all International Challenge of Champions in Connecticut on Aug. 15.

With Bustamante's win in Nevada, the Puyat Sports tandem wound up their two-week US tour with a Django-Reyes-Django string of victories.

Pinays rout Singaporeans

MALE billiards players, look out.

The country's female cue artists showed much promise yesterday after they beat their Singapore counterparts, 19-10, to win the 8-ball team competition at Robinsons Place Manila.

Iris Tan Ranola, a promising player from Zamboanga City, led the Filipinos' charge by beating all her four opponents in the one-rack, round-robins series. She defeated Daphne Ngo, Tan Bee Yan, Chai zeet Huey and Ho Seng Xia.

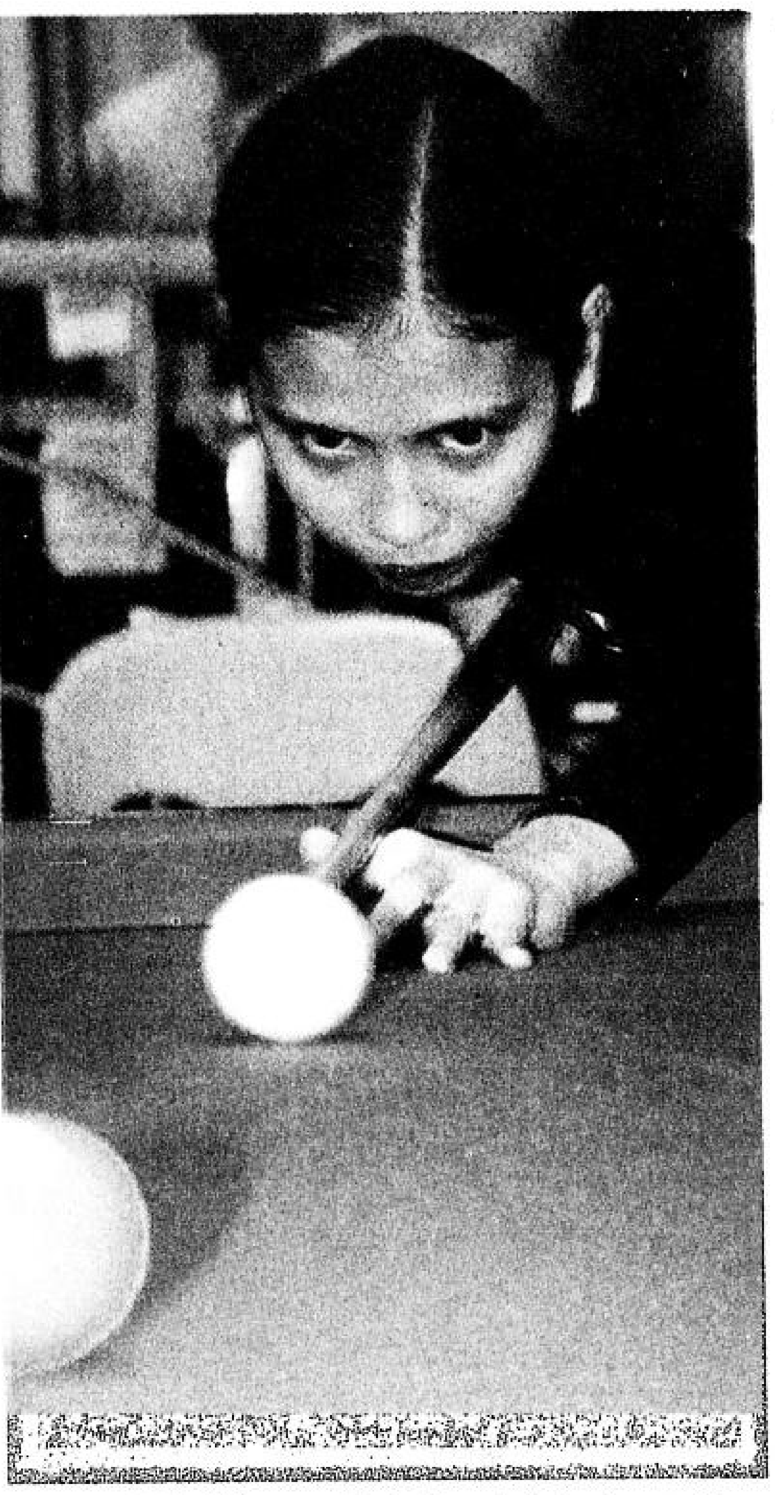
The 9-ball singles competition will be held today, starting at 10:30 a.m. at the Orosa Atrium of Robinsons Place Manila. It will be a race-to-5 round robin series, with the top two based on their win-loss records disputing the title.

Ranola got support from Rubilen Amit and Johanna Dee, who won 4 of their 5 matches. Rashiela dela Cruz completed the rout by downing Hoe Shu Wah.

The Filipinos started cold as they trailed 1-3 and 7-5. But once they got their bearings, they swept 12 of the next 14 matches.

The locals received warm applause in the well-attended event organized by the Philippine Women's Players on Cue and sanctioned by the Billiards and Snookers Congress of the Philippines.

The pioneering event was sponsored by Pagcor, Philippine Sports Commission, Brunswick Bong Coo Sports, Aramith, Simonis, Robinsons Place Manila, Coca-Cola, Hoopwear, Trapik.com, Grilla, Stars Venue Billiard Hall, Express Card Business Station and Le Soleil de Boracay. *ASM*



DE LA CRUZ is "all eyes on the ball" as she helped power the Philippines to a 19-10 victory yesterday over the Singaporeans.

JIM GUIAO PUNZALAN

Hot Allenby leads Woods by 6 shots

Aussie fires course record 63

By Doug Ferguson

ALLENBY

SAMMAMISH, Washington—Robert Allenby has been looking for a spark in his game, a little something extra to turn good rounds into good scores. His 8-under 63 in the second round of NEC Invitational on Friday might do the trick.

The rail-thin Aussie had an eagle and five birdies on his final seven holes at Sahalee Country Club to set the course record and take a share of the lead with Steve Lowery in the $5 million World Golf Championship event.

"I haven't played anywhere near the way I played last year or the year before, when I won twice each year," Allenby said. "But things turn around, and I've been patient."

Lowery started his round the way Allenby finished his, with birdies on four of his first five holes. He missed two short par putts on the back nine–one from 18 inches–and finished with a 65 to join Allenby at 10-under 132.

Retief Goosen (68) was another stroke back, while 22-year-old Justin Rose of England had his second straight 67 and was at 134.

Tiger Woods' hopes of becoming the first player in 75 years to win the same event four years in a row will require two low scores on the weekend.

Birdies were followed by bogeys, putts lipped out and Woods was resigned to a 1-under 70, which left him six strokes behind. That's the widest margin he has faced after any round in the three-year history of the NEC Invitational.

Siodina rallies to make cut

MARIO Siodina rallied from an ugly front nine yesterday to make the cut in the $600,000 Fancl Seniors Classic at the Susono Country Club in Mt. Fuji, Japan.

The 57-year-old Siodina stumbled into a 7-over-par 43 going out, hitting 8 at the par-5 second after a first-hole bogey.

But he clung on coming home behind steely nerves, shooting a 3-under-par 33 for a 4-over-par 76 and a safe passage into the third and final round along with 55 others from a starting field of 70.

Siodina (plus 6=150) was 9 shots behind leader K. Takahashi (minus 3) in a tie with 12 others at 43rd in the tournament bankrolled by K. Ikemori, president of the sponsoring Fancl, one of Japan's biggest companies dealing in food and cosmetics products. *ASM*

World cagefest: All eyes on Team USA

WHEN the World Basketball Championships (the "Worlds") begin on Aug. 30 in Indianapolis, USA, all eyes will be on the hometown squad, Team USA, which is powered by 12 NBA stars such as Reggie Miller, Paul Pierce and Michael Finley.

But unlike in recent years, basketball experts no longer expect the USA to overwhelm the opposition.

Although they have yet to lose an international game with NBA stars in their lineup, Team USA's aura of invincibility has receded, especially following the last Olympics.

In the 2000 Sydney Olympics, Team USA, bannered by NBA stars like Alonzo Mourning, Vince Carter and Kevin Garnett, nearly lost not only once but twice.

In the semifinals, the US was nearly upset by Lithuania before rallying for an 85-83 victory. In the gold-medal game, France trailed 72-76 with 4:26 remaining before the US recovered to win 85-75.

This year, 15 of the best basketball-playing countries from five continents will challenge Team USA in the Worlds for 11 consecutive days. (Solar Entertainment will telecast all the games of Team USA on RPN-9 on a "same-day" basis at 7 p.m. aside from a daily coverage on Solar Channel 17 on Skycable/Homecable).

There are five countries from the Americas (Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Puerto Rico, Venezuela), five from Europe (Yugoslavia, Turkey, Spain, Germany, Russia), who each from Asia (China and Lebanon) and Africa (Angola and Algeria), and one from Oceania (New Zealand).

A record 19 NBA players are listed on the rosters of these 15 countries, including prominent NBA players like Dirk Nowitzki (Germany) of Dallas; Vlade Divac (Yugoslavia), Peja Stojakovic (Yugoslavia) and Hedo Turkoglu (Turkey) of Sacramento; Rookie of the Year Pau Gasol (Spain) of Memphis; Yao Ming (China) of Houston; and, Wang Zhizhi (China) of Dallas.

The toughest challenge may come from Yugoslavia, winner of the 1998 Worlds where the US team with no NBA players finished third.

Yugoslavia will be bannered by five NBA players, including Divac and Stojakovic. Since the Worlds began in 1950, Yugoslavia leads in gold medals with four, while USA and Russia have three titles each.

Perennial NBA All-Stars Miller, Pierce and Finley will lead the US charge. The rest of the team includes Shawn Marion, Elton Brand, Antonio Davis, Raef Lafrentz, Andre Miller, Jermaine O'Neal, Ben Wallace and Baron Davis, who replaced the injured Jason Kidd and rookie Jay Williams, who replaced the injured Ray Allen.

MILLER: Team USA's leader this time.

FILE PHOTO

'Golf Show' bonus

AN 18-HOLE tournament among exhibitors and invited guests on Sept. 26 at Wack West will usher in as a bonus to the seventh edition of the Philippine International Golf Show.

Tournament director Lovell Gopez announced that the active members of the organizing Golf Distributors Association of the Philippines (GDAP) headed by its president Raymund Atendido will provide attractive prizes for the winners.

"It's definitely going to be bigger than last year's inaugural edition, that's for sure," said Gopez who heads Master Sports, the local distributor of Mizuno sports equipment.

The pre-Show tilt was also held at Wack Wack last year.

Aside from Mizuno, top brands like Callaway, Wilson, Taylor Made, among others together with the major players in the golf industry are also showcasing their top-of-the-line brands in the Golf Show on Oct. 4-6 at Hall 2 of the SM MegaMall.

Jong Arcano

Second life

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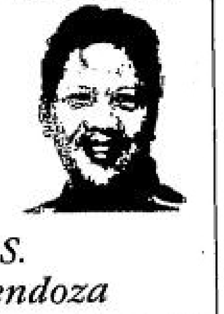

Al S. Mendoza

HE will not win it. That's for sure. But still, Mario Siodina goes to the record books as the first Filipino to play in the Fancl Seniors Classic, Japan's richest tournament for senior golfers. And, if I may add, Mario making the cut is worth crowing about, too. Consider: He got invited to the tournament, a distinction extended to only three non-Japanese players by K. Ikemori, president of Fancl. The others were Taiwan's Hsieh Min-nan and Australia's Terry Gale.

Siodina got a scare yesterday with that 8 on the par-5 second. But even as he went out with a 43, the one-time "Mighty Might" of Philippine golf bucked elimination by firing a bogey-free 33 coming home for 76. Birdie-less going out, Siodina came home bogey-less, firing 3 birdies including a 4 on the par-5, 556-yard 18th. He's out of the title picture 9 shots back, with 37 golfers in front of him.

H. Minami, Siodina's caddy, quoted the Filipino as saying: "I'm just glad I got my game back coming home. Tomorrow, I'll go for birdies each time I see an opening."

Victory is next to impossible now for Siodina. But the stint in Japan has given him a lift he will cherish for the rest of his life. More than the prestige, Siodina's prize will amount to something close to a fortune already as the winner's purse is $150,000.

Minami is a friend of a philanthropic shipping tycoon. For the moment, the tycoon refuses to be identified. Minami is the tycoon's business partner in Japan.

"It's enough that I have done something for someone who, once upon a time, has made a name in Philippine golf," said the tycoon.

A second life for Siodina, indeed.

Super hot Venus battles Lindsay for crown

By Donna Tommolleo

NEW HAVEN, Connecticut—Venus Williams beat Daniela Hantuchova 6-3, 6-3, yesterday in the Pilot Pen and will play Lindsay Davenport in the championship for the third time in four years.

The three-time defending champ, Williams is unbeaten in her four years at New Haven and has been stretched to three sets only twice. She's dominated the Pilot Pen field again this year with her strength, speed and service game.

In her two-week rest before the tournament, Williams said she worked on perfecting her toss.

"It's been throwing me off I guess just all my life," she said. "This whole tournament has been a lot of great tosses."

With serves consistently higher than 110 mph (177 kph), she overwhelmed the seventh-seeded Hantuchova.

The 19-year-old Hantuchova managed to win points on the strength of her precision groundstrokes and occasional well-timed lobs and drops, but could do little with Williams' serves.

"It's really hard to react when it's coming so fast," Hantuchova said.

Williams scored on 86 percent of her first serves. Hantuchova, meanwhile struggled from the line and Williams pounced on the second serves, ripping winners from side to side.

Davenport cruised in her semifinal earlier, beating Anastasia Myskina 6-2, 6-2. She advanced to her second final in four tournaments since returning from knee surgery that sidelined her until last month.

"It's been such a great story seeing her come back," Williams said. "So I know I have to be ready when I play her." *AP*

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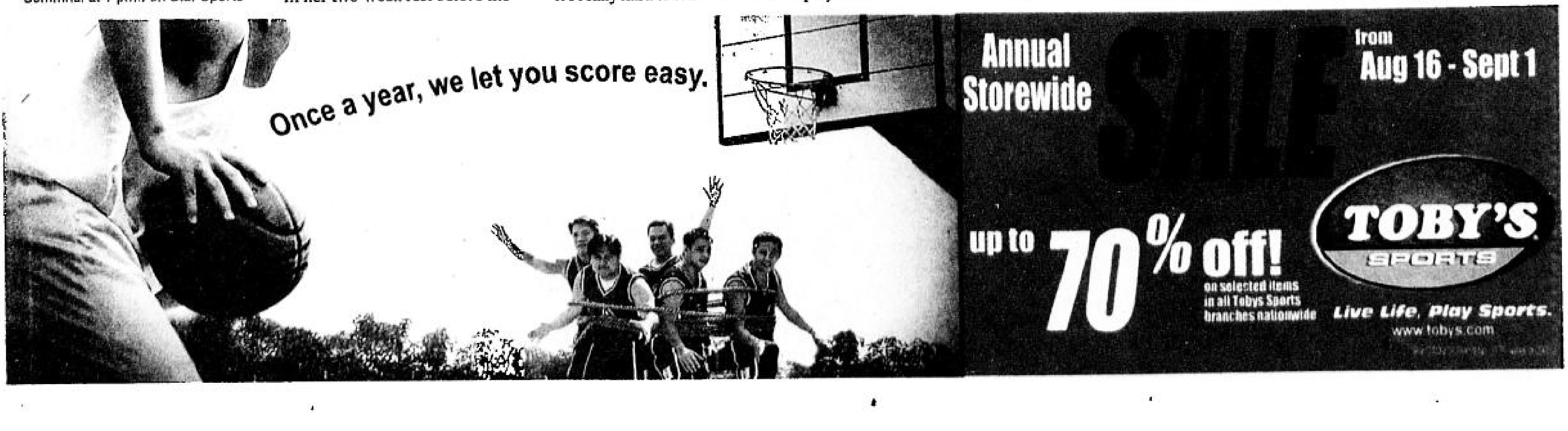

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UE outlasts Ateneo in overtime, 97-96

US 5 zaps Yao, China

OAKLAND, California—Yao Ming sold out the building, though it would be a stretch to the way he brought down the house.

Yao had some good and bad moments Thursday night playing his first game in the United States, getting held to 13 points and 11 rebounds as the Chinese national team lost 84-54 to the US team.

A crowd of 19,873, many of them cheering for China, watched Yao do a little of everything—positive and negative. Yao swatted away six shots and denied Antonio Davis the honor of being the first American to dunk on him, but he also blew a dunk of his own and struggled when he was defended by Ben Wallace.

"When you have pitiful moments, that makes the good moments more valuable," Yao said.

Yao finished 5-for-12 from the field, and he was unafraid to push back when the Americans tried to push him outside. He missed his only 3-point shot and committed five turnovers, but he also showed a silky touch and an 18-foot range on his turnaround jumper.

"To play against him was an eye-opening experience for me. He's a lot better than what I thought," Michael Finley said. "He earned our respect."

Yao injured his right hand in the second half banging it against the backboard, although he said it wasn't serious. He did manage to emerge unscathed after Wallace landed on top of him after Yao faked Wallace off his feet in the third quarter.

"I hope when he fell on me it didn't hurt him much," Yao deadpanned.

China was without 7-footer Wang Zhizhi, who flew in from Los Angeles earlier in the day and met with team officials at the arena in an effort to be placed back on the active roster. *AP*

St. Benilde lady dribblers shine

GAMES TODAY *(St. Scholastica's College gym)*
8 a.m.—SBC vs MC (Midget); 9 a.m.—Angelicum vs DLSZ (HS); 10:30 a.m.—SBC vs MC (HS); 12 nn—MC vs AC (Col.); 3 p.m.—EAC vs UAP (Col.); 4:30 p.m.—Lyceum vs RTU (Col.)

DEFENDING champion College of St. Benilde continued its masterful run in the 33rd WNCAA-adidas basketball tournament as it walloped Siena College, 108-23,yesterday at the St. Scholastica's College gym to remain unbeaten after five games.

Siena tasted its third defeat in five starts.

Lyceum College, meanwhile, kept its hold of second spot with 90-39 rout of Miriam College, which absorbed its first loss in four matches.

Lyceum sports a 4-1 card, its only loss dealt by CSB on opening day, 70-63.

The 33rd WNCAA-adidas is being supported by RPN 9, dwRX 93.1, Don Henrico's Pizza, Avon, Elle, official marketing group Tactical Xperts Corporation and official balls Mikasa and Molten.

GAMES TODAY *(Rizal Memorial Coliseum)*
2 p.m.—Adamson vs UST
4 p.m.—La Salle vs NU

By Dennis U. Eroa

UNIVERSITY of the East used its big fighting heart, then got a little help from Enrico Villanueva's shaky free-throw shooting to escape with a heartstopping 97-96 overtime win over Ateneo last night in the UAAP basketball tournament at the Rizal Memorial Coliseum.

The Red Warriors recovered from the shock of losing an early 20-point bulge, 47-27, staying alive on the clutch hits of James Yap and Ronald Tubid but it was Villanueva's miserable stint from the free throw area which made the big difference in the thrilling match watched by a jampacked crowd.

With the win, coach Boysie Zamar's charges stretched their winning run to seven and fortified their bid for the twice-to-beat incentive in the Final Four. The Blue Eagles dropped their third straight game for a 4-5 record, in a tie with the resurgent the Far Eastern University Tamaraws.

In the first game, Arwind Santos and RJ Rizada sizzled as FEU repeated over University of the Philippines, 77-61.

UE's run and gun offense was a delight to watch. The Red Warriors faltered in the third period as Rich Alvarez and LA Tenorio shone, but at the end it was Villanueva's failure to deliver the goods which doomed Ateneo.

The Eagles went ahead on Larry Fonacier's triple, 81-75, but they had no answer when their foes continued to put the pressure.

Villanueva missed the second of his two free throws which could have given the Eagles the win in regulation which ended 82-82. While he continued to tower in defense, Villanueva flopped in offense, missing close shots and going 1-of- 6 in free throws in extra time. He finished with 12 points and shot 2-of-11 overall in free throws.

FEU 77—Santos 22, Rizada 16, Jones 12, Isip 6, Razon 5, Catli 5, Miranda 4, Garcia 4, Yabut 3, Sinco 1, Cutler 0, Gadiana 0.

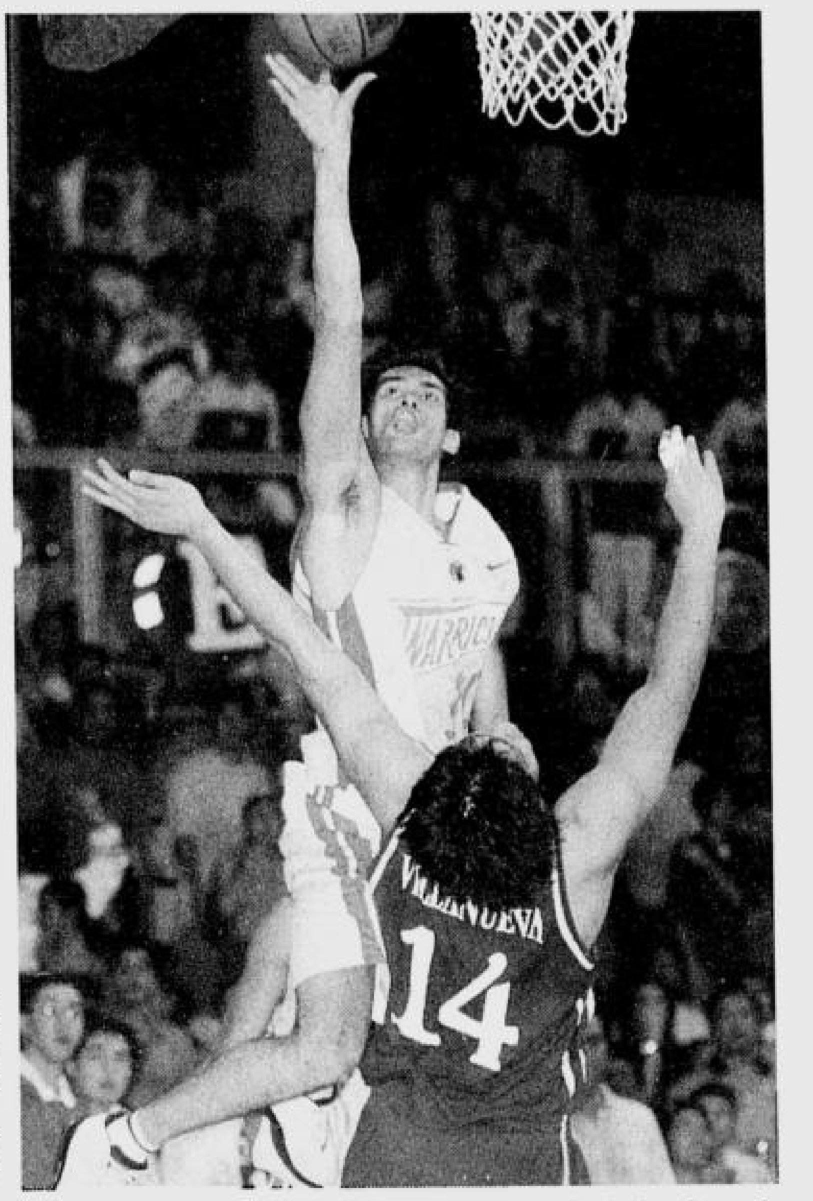
UP 61—Almeda 10, Santos 10, Bravo 9, Celo 7, Reyes 6, Ferrer 5, Quebral 4, Arnaiz 4, Tabique 3, Cervantes 3, Ibañez 0, Bienvinida 0.

Quarters: 15-17, 30-29, 54-45, 77-61.

UE 97—Yap 28, Estrada 13, Artadi 11, Booker 10, Tubid 9, Alminario 8, Masbang 8, Canaleta 6, Omiping 3, Butel 1, Tan 0.

ATENEO 96—Alvarez 30, Tenorio 15, Fonacier 14, Villanueva 12, Chia 11, Cruz 5, Gonzales 5, Intal; 2, Tadeo 2.

Quarters: 23-12, 49-32, 61-56, 97-96.



HIGH-FLYING Ronald Tubid of UE commits a charging foul on Ateneo's Enrico Villanueva during their UAAP game yesterday at the Rizal Memorial Coliseum. Tubid shone as the Red Warriors posted a 97-96 win in overtime. ERNIE U. SARMIENTO

Thunder, Pals eye No. 2

Game 1: Red Bull d. San Miguel, 82-78; Talk N Text d. Alaska, 82-78
GAMES TODAY *(Araneta Coliseum)*
3:45 p.m.—Red Bull vs San Miguel
5:45 p.m.—Talk N Text vs Alaska

By June Navarro

BATANG Red Bull and Talk N Text shoot for a commanding 2-0 lead in the semifinals of the PBA Samsung Commissioner's Cup today at the Araneta Coliseum.

The defending champion Thunder held off the San Miguel Beermen, 82-78, and grab the initiative at the start of their best-of-five series Friday night.

"They're having problems matching up with our size and we got them into early foul trouble. I'm sure they will avoid it next time around," said Red Bull coach Yeng Guiao after their confrontation with the Beermen.

Apart from the countless skirmishes on the floor, Guiao also engaged San Miguel Beer assistant coach Art Dela Cruz in a verbal tussle after Dela Cruz trash-talked Red Bull swingman Lordy Tugade at the sidelines.

"Everytime we face San Miguel it's always close and emotional. It's a continuation of last year's championship," Guiao said.

The Thunder ruled the 2001 Commissoner's Cup after toppling the Beermen in Game 6 of a highly charged best-of-seven Finals series.

The Phone Pals also got a morale-boosting headstart after springing an upset against the Alaska Aces through the heroics of Best Import top contender Jerald Honeycutt.

Honeycutt scored five decisive baskets—a jumper from 12 feet and a three-pointer over the 7-foot EJ Feihl—that quashed Alaska's last ditch rally.

LSG adidas cage champ

SLOTMAN Vince Fran sparkled as La Salle Greenhills of NCR nipped Mindanao rival Ateneo de Davao to capture the Midgets championship in the recently concluded National Finals of the adidas Streetball Challenge 2002 held in SM City-Cebu.

Fran keyed his teams 11-10 win after scoring off the outstretched arms of towering 6-foot-1 Cylron Lozano of Ateneo de Davao with only 17.8 ticks left in the game clock to break the 10-all tie. La Salle then played tough defense in the dying seconds to complete the thrilling victory.

Twelve-year-old Nicholas Salva also made waves by keeping the Greenies in the contest with his exceptional inside game.

The 5-foot-7 forward defied the defense of the Blue Knights of Mindanao as he scored at will with his power plays. Salva, who was later named Most Valuable Player of the midgets division, finished with a game-high 8 points.

Other members of the La Salle Greenhills team were Matthew Sia and Marco Yulo, with coach Hubert de los Santos.

The Ateneo de Davao Blue Knights, with players Pepito, Lozano, Adrian Garzon and Jed Obeña, and coached by Frankie Agoncillo, settled for runner-up honors.

Presenting the trophies, medals and prizes during the awarding ceremonies were top officials of adidas Philippines, namely John Alonte, president and managing director, Angelica Suiza, marketing director, Goody Custodio, sports marketing manager, and Odette Velarde, assistant marketing services manager. Also present at the event was Purefoods star and adidas athlete Rey Evangelista.

The adidas Streetball Challenge 2002 was also presented by Growee and WG&A Zip in cooperation with Gatorade, Absolute pure distilled drinking water, Zed, Taylormade Golf, Salomon, Magic 89.9 dwTM and 99.5 RT.

Batangas Entry favored at San Lazaro today

SPEEDBALL Batangas Entry aims to notch his second major victory when he leads the field in the Pagcor Stakes—one of two featured races today—at the San Lazaro Hippodrome.

Returning to action since his second place finish to champion Wind Blown in the recent Gran Copa de Manila, the 4-year-old dark bay colt owned by basketball star Paolo Mendoza will face six other gallopers for the P200,000 top prize in a race sponsored by the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corp. (Pagcor).

In the companion main event, Kitty Hawk parades as the favorite in the Petron Stakes sponsored by Petron Corp.

Today's races cap the two-day Alay sa Kawal Racing Festival, a fund-raising event jointly backed by the Alay sa Kawal Foundation Inc. (ASKFI) and the Manila Jockey Club Inc. (MJCI) for the benefit of the underprivileged members of the Armed Forces of the Philippines.

"The staging of the Alay sa Kawal racefest is indicative of the horse racing industry's deep concern with the welfare of our country's soldiers, heroic individuals who have offered their lives to the cause of defending our freedom and preserving our national integrity," said MJCI President and ASKFI trustee, Alfonso R. Reyno Jr.

Andrew to Jimmy: Good luck!

ONE WINNER

Edwin Villanueva

JIMMY Dilag formally took over as the new Philracom chief last Wednesday.

According to my Silip Boy, Andrew Sanchez wished his successor "good luck" during the turnover rites at the racing body's Electra House headquarters in Makati.

The 51-year-old Dilag, a sportsman-businessman from San Pablo City and former pelotari like Sanchez, said he'll carry on the projects initiated by his predecessor to the cheers of Philracom employees who witnessed the simple ceremony.

My Silip Boy said Dilag also lined up some of his immediate plans, foremost of which is to revive the *bayang kareristas'* interest in sweepstakes races.

Depending on the availability of funds, we learned that sweepstakes races this coming November and December will now carry a P500,000-first prize each, a big increase from the previous pots.

"With the blessings of the PCSO, we hope this goal would materialize," my Silip Boy quoted Dilag as saying.

Dilag is also batting for the holding of barrier races on Mondays and Tuesdays, and scheduling the running of vicious horses on racedays *"para naman makita ng mga karerista."*

My Silip Boy said Dilag is also proposing for the transfer of the appeals committee from the two racing clubs directly to the Philracom.

Dilag presided over the new Philracom board's first meeting last Friday and my Silip Boy said everyone gave him the thumbs-up sign.

"Of course, I'll always consult everything with my fellow board members and the various racing sectors. I'll also seek advice from Andrew," my Silip Boy quoted Dilag.

It appears that with his new "teammates" (commissioners Bobok Domingo Jr., Roger Tandiama, Vey Cruz, Jun Sevilla, Eddie Jose and Francis Trillana), Dilag, the "captain ball," is very much at ease.

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The Klub Don Juan de Manila had another medical mission yesterday in Sasmuan, Pampanga with no less than Vice Gov. Mikey Arroyo spearheading the project for his constituents.

Of course, people like Susan Buñag, Melt, Jing and Lucky also contributed a lot to the successful undertaking by ably assisting Mikey and his fellow Klub members. *Mabuhay kayo!*

RACING TIPS

At San Lazaro By Mr. 999

Race 1—1. Golden Cat 2. Success Story 3. Conde Cielo
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Race 4—1. Peek A Boo 2. Montpellier 3. King Fisher 4. Bright Star
Race 5—1. Salamat 2. West Swinger 3. Napa Valley 4. Byeboom 5. Dot Com/Bring Home D Bacon
Race 6—1. Heredera 2. Super Sharp 3. Jade Louise 4. Kitty Hawk
Race 7—1. Breakaway Artist 2. Real McCoy 3. Thunder Fire 4. Golden Quest 5. Rikitik
Race 8—1. Batangas Entry 2. Sky Hawk 3. Bull Rider 4. Sunny Contender
Race 9—1. Water Girl 2. Standing Ovation 3. Better Harry 4. Pro Bono
Race 10—1. Big Treasure 2. Always On D Go 3. Zenie's Pride
Race 11—1. Adam's Call 2. Exchange Deal 3. Queen Storm 4. Sekreta 5. Green Buck
Race 12—1. Velocity 2. Mica's Magic 3. I Love You 4. Free Wind
Race 13—1. Courage Heart 2. Silver Music 3. Richie Rich 4. Baptism of Fire 5. Bemedalled Ruler
Race 14—1. Baby Lite 2. Gold Pyramid 3. Bidang Bida 4. Chief Navigator 5. Kay Rufina 6. Free Time

SPORTSWATCH

Samboy keys Hartmann win

HARTMAN Seigle and Cebu's ML Kuarta Padala ousted their respective rivals Friday night to arrange a showdown for the 4th Danny Espiritu Cup Invitational Open basketball title at 7:30 p.m. today at the Lyceum gym. Led by former PBA star Samboy Lim, Hartmann downed Homer Mercado Builders, 67-62, while Kuarta Padala, led by Hercules Tangkay and Bruce Dacia, edged Forward Taguig, 64-61. Lim, who scored 24 points, was ably supported by Manny Mendoza, who chipped in 18. Tangkay and Dacia, both veterans of the defunct MBA, tallied 19 and 15 points, respectively.

Jones proves she's fastest

JONES

LONDON—Marion Jones finally caught up with world champion Zhanna Pintusevich-Block on Friday. What's more, she left her far behind. The sport has had to wait a year to see the Olympic champion race the women who beat her at last year's Worlds in Edmonton. The confrontation at the Norwich Union Grand Prix meet at Crystal Palace was billed as the race to find the world's fastest woman. At the end, there was no doubt. In one of the finest women's fields ever put together—four had run inside 11 seconds—Jones exploded from the blocks and the Ukrainian was unable to respond. Jones crossed the finish line in 10.97 on a slow track with her Ukrainian rival .14 slower. *AP*

Las Piñas derby on tomorrow

THE MUCH-AWAITED Annual LPC 5-Stag Derby blasts off tomorrow (Aug. 26) and on Wednesday (Aug. 28) at the Las Piñas Cockpit. Some 70 participants will be gunning for the top prize of P500,000. Entry fee is P11,000. According to LPC manager Alex Tobias, proceeds of this derby will be donated to the Clean and Green project of Mayor Nene Aguilar. Walk-in participants will be entertained tomorrow for simultaneous screening, leg banding and weigh-in, from 7 a.m. to 12 noon. Please contact 873-1040 for details.

Mandaluyong hosts Bates tourney

THIS year's first major derby—the annual Richard L. Bates 7-Stag National Derby—will be staged at the Mandaluyong Coliseum this coming Tuesday and Thursday (Aug. 27 and 29). Sponsors are Ninja Gamefowl Feeds, Lakpue Drug Inc. and Pagcor. The event will be to be hosted by American breeder Richard Bates. Submission of weights (1.7 kgs. t0 2.2 kgs.) is tomorrow, Monday, from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. for the 3-stag qualifying round on Tuesday. For inquiries, call RLB at 0916-3156991, (046) – 414-0750

More cockers join Roligon tilt

TWELVE more cockers have signified their intention to join the 10th Showdown 7-Stag National Derby on Sept. 2 and 4 at the Roligon Mega Cockpit, bringing the total number of participants to 73 so far. The latest batch of participants include Bicol cockers Ben Varra, Roger Reyes, Nestor Baldon and John Liao, Cagayan de Oro bet Buthoy Ang, Zamboanga's "Top Three" Manny Dalipe, Boy Primallion and Jun Pe, and Laguna breeders Blandy Tolentino, Manny Santos, *sabong* idol Patrick Antonio and Pol Estrellado.

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Every celebration is organized under a particular theme. The inaugural had the theme, *"The Family: Heart of the Civilization of Love."* In 1997 at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, the theme was *"Family: Gift and Commitment, Hope for Humanity."* The millennium celebration, again held in Rome, revolved on the theme *"Children: Springtime of the Family and Society."* Next year's celebration will have the theme *"The Christian Family: Good News for the Third Millennium."*

A part of the World Meeting of Families is the International Theological and Pastoral Congress. The Congress brings together experts from all over the world involved in the pastoral care of the family. Here, they discuss the major issues affecting the family today and what answers the Roman Catholic Church offers.

In line with all these, SMART Communications feels privileged to be part of this event as the official wireless telecom sponsor. Because SMART believes that any event that lends empowerment to society – with the family being its most basic unit – is surely worth supporting. SMART encourages everyone to prepare for and participate in the activities of the 4th World Meeting of Families.

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METRO

Editor Louie C. Camino

'Give vendors' goods to charity, prisoners'

By Jerome Aning and Leila B. Salaverria

INSTEAD of dousing vendors' merchandise with kerosene to drive the vendors away from sidewalks, the Metro Manila Development Authority should give the goods, particularly food items, to jails, orphanages and other charitable agencies.

Manila Mayor Lito Atienza yesterday made this suggestion even as he said that the MMDA should first coordinate with the mayors before conducting any crackdown on illegal vendors.

He said local governments should instead organize the vendors and find a place for them to sell their goods. "We shouldn't just drive away vendors,.we should help them find decent ways to earn a living," he said.

Atienza made the statement following reports that the MMDA is planning to extend its campaign against illegal vendors to other parts of the National Capital Region. MMDA Chair Bayani Fernando has waged war on il-

GIVE VENDORS/A22

Giggles betray woman who concealed shabu in ticklish place

AILYN SONQUIAWON, 22, of Barangay Damayang Lagi, Quezon City, could have sneaked shabu to her detained husband at the Quezon City jail and gotten away with it. But she had hidden the

GIGGLES/A22

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Habitat fulfills 18 dreams

By Leila B. Salaverria

CONSTANTLY moving from one place to another, rebuilding your life every time you are driven from where you were staying, is not easy, Juanita Paje could testify.

So imagine how grateful Paje was yesterday when she, along with 17 others, were awarded new houses courtesy of Habitat for Humanity's Youth Build 2002.

"This is a dream come true," Paje said in Filipino during awarding ceremonies held yesterday at the housing site in Soldier Hills, Muntinlupa City. "We won't have to move from one place to another, looking for a permanent place to live in."

The same goes for Anacleta Comia, 31, another beneficiary whose husband could not be at her side in one of the happiest days of her life because he had to eke out a living.

For the first time since coming to Manila, Comia would get to live in her own house, where she would raise and take care of her two young children.

She said she is grateful and excited about moving to the new place, a far cry from the shanty at the back of the Muntinlupa City Hall where her family used to live.

Judging from the expression on her face while she prayed inside her new home yesterday, nothing could have dampened Comia's spirits. Her husband could not risk being absent from his work as an electrical technician, she said, that was why he was not with her yesterday. But she knew that her husband was as happy as she was, and was probably working harder to make more of their dreams come true.

Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit, ecumenical Christian housing ministry established in 1998. It builds houses for needy citizens through the help of volunteers and donors.

Paje, president of the Habitat homeowners association, said she was grateful that the beneficiaries could have a "quiet and peaceful" place in which to raise their families.

Now, she said, nobody can drive them away from the 18 two-story concrete houses which the young volunteers built over the summer. Generous souls and big corporations also helped in funding the project.

All in all, 40 houses are expected to be put up at the HFH site in Muntinlupa, said Engineer Cesar Manlapig. He said volunteers are finishing the other houses, so more families will have new homes soon.

Muntinlupa Mayor Jaime Fresnedi, Muntinlupa Rep. Ruffy Biazon and Youth Build 2002 chair Margie Moran Floirendo attended the ceremonies yesterday, expressing joy and thanks to all who extended their help.

Floirendo said HBH Youth Build has been a constant success since it started in 2000, with more volunteers and donors coming in to help families fulfill their dreams.

Sponsors for the 18 houses awarded yesterday include the Ayala Group of Companies, AEGON Insurance Corp., Jollibee Group of Companies, Petron Foundation, Cargill Philippines, LaFarge Cement, Manilabank, Zuellig Foundation and the Makati Business Club.

Hold-departure for murder suspects

By Romulo Ponte,
PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

CALAMBA CITY—The Regional Trial Court Branch 35 judge has finally issued a hold-departure order for the suspects in the killing of Dr. Franklin Avellaneda, a heart specialist at St. Luke's Medical Center in Quezon City.

Lorna Avellaneda, the victim's elder sister, said presiding Judge Romeo C. de Leon issued the order after the lapse of the 10-day period he gave the defense counsel.

During the Aug. 13 hearing at the RTC Branch 35 here, De Leon gave the defense only 10 days to comment on the prosecution lawyers' motion for a hold-departure for accused Kissinger Brion Kraft, Mark Alba, Manuel Zamora and Rolando Rivera Jr.

Calamba City prosecutors led by Rodel Paderayon did not include Rivera in the criminal charges allegedly due to lack of evidence.

Lorna Avellaneda said she and her brother Florencio were given a copy of the hold-departure order, which would prevent the accused from leaving the country.

Pete Principe, the lawyer of the Avellanedas, filed a motion to defer the arraignment of the suspects pending the result of the family's earlier petition before the Department of Justice.

In their earlier petition, the Avellanedas sought a review of the Calamba prosecutor's decision that downgraded the charges against the accused from charges of a heinous crime to a bailable offense.

"It is useless to proceed with the arraignment at this time, after Paderayon lowered the heinous charges earlier filed by the NBI into a bailable crime," said Principe.

Maynilad's rescue team saves 26 from drowning

THE RESCUE Team of Maynilad Water Services Inc., recently saved 26 persons from drowning in flooded parts of Malabon and Valenzuela.

THE MWSI has identified Malabon as one of the most flood-prone areas in the Philippines. It also cited Valenzuela and areas close to the La Mesa Dam as high-risk areas.

The MWSI fielded 12 men—water technicians and operations managers on ordinary days—on a rescue mission during the heavy downpour that swept most of Metro Manila underwater two weeks ago.

The team was equipped with an inflatable watercraft, an ambulance and a rescue van, when it conducted operations at the height of the storm.

The 12 men are part of the 68-strong MWSI Rescue Team, who all received special training when it was formed in 2000.

They are there to offer assistance in the event of fire, flood, or catastrophe, according to Major Armando Padilla, member of the Rescue Team and MWSI's security group.

The team is part of the Maynilad's Corps of Army Reservists, attached to the 131st Rainbow Infantry Division of the Philippine Army.

The 68 men and women are trained scuba divers, first aidgivers and firefighters, Padilla said.

"Sometimes, the floods are so deep that we need scuba divers to rescue those who are stranded," Padilla said.

He said the greatest threats to the rescuers' lives, apart from drowning, are snake bites and water-borne diseases.

"The chance of getting water-borne infection is very high," Padilla said

The team members are called to action in times of danger. They coordinate with the National Disaster Coordinating Center, the Philippine Navy and Philippine Marines in rescue missions, Padilla said.

They are trained primarily to look after the safety of MWSI's employees and secure company property.

Not only are they skilled in search and rescue, the team members also have the capacity to engage in crime prevention and even combat, if the situation calls for it, Padilla said.

Malabon flood victims on board Maynilad's rescue van.

THE DAILY GOSPEL

Sunday, August 25, 2002
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Is 22:19-23

Thus says the Lord Yahweh to Shebna, the palace steward:
"You will be deposed, strongman.
I will hurl you down from where you are.
On that day I will summon
my servant Eliakim, son of Hilkiah.
I will clothe him with your robe,
I will strengthen him with your girdle,
I will give him your authority,
and he will be a father
to the inhabitants of Jerusalem
and to the people of Judah.
Upon his shoulder I will place
the key of the House of David:
what he opens, no one shall shut;
what he shuts, no one shall open.
I will fasten him like a peg in a sure spot,
and he will be a seat of honor
in the house of his father."

2nd Reading: Rom 11:33-36

How deep are the riches, the wisdom and knowledge of God! His decisions cannot be explained, nor his ways understood! Who has ever known God's thoughts? Who has ever been his adviser? Who has given him something first, so that God had to repay him? For everything comes from him, has been made by him and has to return to him. To him be the glory for ever! Amen.

Gospel: Mt 16:13-20

Jesus came to Caesarea Philippi. He asked his disciples, "What do people say of the Son of Man? Who do they say I am?" They said, "For some of them you are John the Baptist, for others Elijah or Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

Jesus asked them, "But you, who do you say I am?" Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." Jesus replied, "It is well for you, Simon Barjona, for it is not flesh or blood that has revealed this to you but my Father in heaven.

And now I say to you: You are Peter (or Rock)and on this rock I will build my Church; and never will the powers of death overcome it.

I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and what you unbind on earth shall be unbound in heaven."

Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

Commentary

The apostolic community had already been with Jesus for some time. It was now the time for them to be given an exam. Although the actual formulation of Peter's confession expresses the post-resurrection faith, still we should say that basically Peter correctly recognized in him the Anointed One of God, who would set things right in the messy relationships among his contemporaries. Such recognition was a gift from on high, which must be understood also in such light. No matter how long we have been journeying the Christian way, the Gospel today summons us to make a personal confession of faith in Jesus the Christ. Let today's liturgy be a confirmation of that in union with co-believers.

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SUPREME COURT DOCTRINES

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Man sues St. Luke's, Fatima docs for bungling eye surgery

By Trina Lagura
Contributor

VIC CHAN felt he was in good hands when he sought out Dr. Mario Aquino and his nephew Dr. Vicente Santos Jr. to treat his left eye due to excessive shedding of tears.

The doctors then told Chan that there was a need to operate on both eyes. After the procedure, the doctors healed Chan's bad eye, but lost his good right eye.

Chan, 57, of New Manila, Quezon City, who now cannot see out of his right eye, wants the Professional Regulation Commission to revoke the licenses of Drs. Aquino and Santos.

He also wants to be indemnified for the loss of vision.

In an Aug. 8 complaint he filed before the regulatory body, Chan said both doctors are responsible for the loss of his good right eye due to their "gross negligence and incompetence."

According to Chan, he went to St. Luke's Hospital in Quezon City, where he was referred to Aquino, chairman of the Ophthalmology Department, on Feb. 6 to have his left eye checked. The doctor told Chan they found a blood clot on the left eye and discovered a "reddish" substance on the right eye. Aquino allegedly advised Chan that both eyes should be operated on, and the man to do the job was Santos.

"They told me that even if I had no complaint about my right eye, they had to operate it immediately," Chan said in his affidavit. "According to them, the operation must be performed at the Fatima Medical Hospital because the needed equipment in St. Luke's was being used."

Santos reportedly owns Fatima Hospital.

The INQUIRER could not reach Drs. Aquino and Santos for comment.

After the operation on both eyes and a series of consultations at St. Luke's, his right eye became swollen because of the infection. At the advice of his doctors, he had to undergo another operation on the infected right eye.

But Chan said the doctors failed to cure his right eye, "of which I had no complaint when I first consulted the two."

He also charged the two doctors with misconduct and fraud because he said the operation at the Fatima Hospital was a "mere ruse."

"The gravest fraud and misconduct is when they charged me again for another operation on my right eye, saying it would heal and be well again in a week or two, but it didn't," Chan said. "Instead, (the right eye) went blind."

Even though he went blind, Chan said he still had to shell out P232,593 in hospital expenses.

Before filing the complaint with the PRC, Raul Ibay Tolentino, Chan's legal counsel, wrote the two doctors asking for an explanation. Chan and Tolentino reportedly received a call from Santos' office telling them that they would meet sometime to discuss the case. But the call never came, instead Santos filed a libel suit against Tolentino for allegedly circulating a letter at the Fatima Hospital which the doctor claimed was detrimental to his practice.

NBI men seize fake Nokia cell phone units, accessories worth P10 million

By Jerome Aning

AGENTS of the National Bureau of Investigation seized P10 million worth of fake Nokia phone accessories during a raid in Sta. Mesa, Manila last week.

The NBI men stormed the Soonwon Warehouse on Magistrado Mapa Street in Bacood, Sta. Mesa and seized 5,803 cell phone batteries, 2,165 earphones, 2,100 assorted housings, 1,500 leather cases, 1,100 plastic holders, 137 chargers and 50 cell phone units.

The confiscated items all bore fake Nokia logos, according to NBI director Reynaldo Wycoco.

Nokia's representative in the country—Zetetic (Far East)—earlier filed a complaint against Soonwon owner Danny Chua for distributing the alleged fake cell phone units and accessories, Wycoco said.

After verifying the complaint, members of the NBI's intellectual property rights division secured a search and seizure warrant from Manila judge Antonio Eugenio.

On Friday, NBI men also seized thousands of men's underwear bearing fake Hanes trademarks in Baclaran, Parañaque City, and Divisoria, Manila.

The agents seized about 800 packs of fake Hanes shirts, briefs and other underwear from various stalls at the Baclaran LRT Cinema and Shopping Mall and at the Tutuban Center Mall in Divisoria.

The number of seized goods "meant a significant increase in the sale of such counterfeit products in Metro Manila alone," according to a consultant of Sara Lee Philippines, official distributor of Hanes products in the country.

The owner of the seized fake products is facing charges of violating the Intellectual Property Rights Law.

Giggles betray . . .

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shabu in a ticklish place and she couldn't stop giggling as she walked into the jail early Friday night.

The housewife went through the first body search without a hitch, but jail guards became suspicious because she would not stop smiling and giggling.

The guards asked her to step into the jail clinic where they asked her to strip and subjected her to a complete body search. They uncovered what had been causing the giggling and the smiling: a sachet of shabu hidden between her legs beneath her underwear.

The woman was detained at the Kamuning police station.

Alcuin Papa

'Give vendors' . . .

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legal vendors, ordering his men to douse the vendors' goods with kerosene to make the goods useless and to prevent the vendors from coming back.

Atienza said the MMDA and the mayors should crack down on vendors who are "opportunists and anarchists," those who sell fake wares and hinder the traffic flow.

Despite Atienza's opinion, Fernando can count on the backing of most of the Metro Manila mayors, according to Pasay Mayor Peewee Trinidad, who is also the Metro Manila Mayors' League spokesperson.

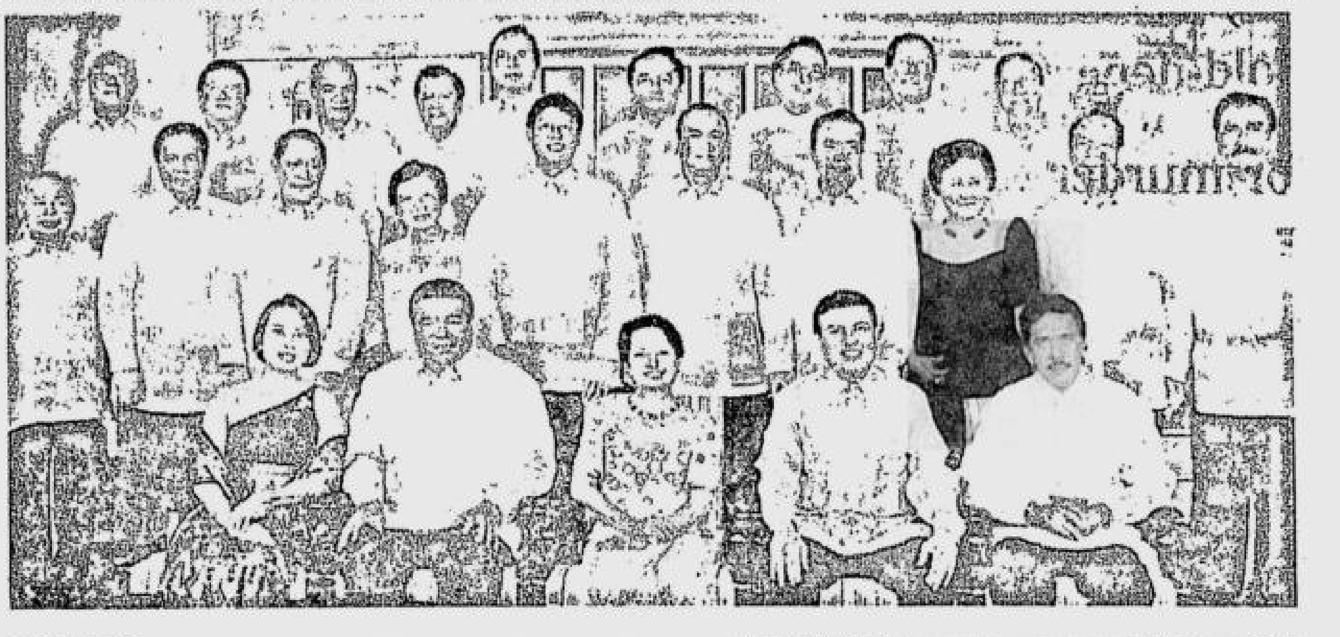
"Most of us support (Fernando)," Trinidad said in a phone interview.

He said that in the next Metro Manila Council meeting at the MMDA, the mayors might issue a statement of support for Fernando.

While organized groups of vendors and urban poor have been condemning Fernando for his "Hitler-like" drive, President Macapagal-Arroyo last week declared he is right in implementing the law and clearing the sidewalks of obstructions.

Trinidad himself said he is very pleased that roads in Baclaran and Libertad and the areas under the LRT in Pasay City have been cleared of vendors.

Bob's photographs and memories



SENATORS are gathered by Bob Razon for this sitting.

THE DEAN of Portraiture creates a Rene Cayetano portrait.

BOB RAZON is marking his 59th anniversary this year as a photographer and dean of Philippine portraiture but he shows no sign of slowing down.

His studio in Malate is a repository of images and memories of the past half a century.

During the Japanese occupation, Bob Razon put up a shop at the entrance of the Grand Opera House in downtown Manila. Hard work, luck and perseverance brought him to the attention of the elite. At that time, photography was an experimental alternative to oil portraiture.

Bob met the well-known Fernando Amorsolo when Malacañang summoned the two men to do a formal portrait of the First Lady, Mrs. Leonila Garcia. After that, the two men were oftentimes companions in sittings with the prominent and distinguished ladies and gentlemen of the day.

Bob confides that his expertise in portraiture stemmed from his close association with both Amorsolo and Botong Francisco, a muralist who was his classmate in grade school.

Lording it over the counter is an array of the country's presidents since the war.

A testimony to Bob's acclaim as the dean of portraiture is quietly confirmed by Fe Panlilio's pensive pose. Bob's masterful use of available light gives the image an effect not unlike that of a Renaissance painting. This portrait has won accolades abroad.

Senators and brides

On the other side of the wall are Bob's latest samples of his versatility in portraying public figures: an avuncular Blas Ople looking rather like a Malay Winston Churchill , Sen. Rodolfo Biazon in a McArthur-like stance, an absolutely charming shot of smiling senatorial wives Sharon Cuneta and Vilma Santos.

We've seen images of these people countless times before, but Bob's eyes give them a warmth and a "coming-alive" quality. All these senators of the republic were captured in a single session by the master lensman.

And then there are the weddings. Nearly 5,000 weddings have passed through the portals and lenses of Bob's studios. Several families have had four generations photographed by the master. Brides never look as beautiful, as radiant as when photographed by Bob on their special day.

Reinventing beauty

Bob's gallery has a complete array of lighting equipment, paraphernalia and backdrops that appear at the touch of a button. It is here where Bob often lectures young aspirants on the art of photography, with major emphasis on the role of lighting. It is also here where he reinvents beauty even in the comeliest bride. Bursts of laughter are often heard from this room, in the course of a sitting when Bob turns on his wit and charm to relax a nervous subject.

The digital imaging room, introduced by his son Robert, is where digitally photographed images are downloaded and burned into proofing CDs for the client's review. Editing, retouching and printing digital images take just a few days. Many clients now prefer this method over traditional film photography.

The corporate and broadcast division also produces company profiles and training videos as well as the occasional TV special or series.

The blow-ups

One product that has kept competitors at bay is the life-sized, lifelike enlargement or blow-up. To this day, no one has come close to achieving the paint-like effect of the 40 x 60 or the 30 x 40 portraits that Bob pioneered in the '80s. These blow-ups are among his best-selling products even today.

Bob's Studios is offering promotional discounts, up to 50 percent off on the 40 x 60 portraits, and 20 percent off on the 30 x 40 sizes, through Oct. 31, 2002.

If Bob was around during the war, the '50s, etc., he has to be well into his 80s now! But look at him, laughing, cajoling, reminiscing with crystal clarity. You get breathless just trying to catch up with him. He is a sprightly man who looks like he's just in his late 60s.

The secret of his youthful looks and vigor? He winks. That's another story.

KRIS AQUINO by Bob Razon.

Paolo Bediones opens …

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Maricar knows she is in good hands so she didn't have any qualms about baring her body for the cameras.

She knows that *Direk* Maryo is revered at the box office for directing the movies that launched the likes of **Alice Dixson, Assunta de Rossi, Ara Mina** and **Alma Concepcion**. The success story continues with **Joyce Jimenez** and *Direk* Maryo's latest find, **Lolita de Leon**, who will be launched in "Laman."

In World Arts Cinema's "Bedtime Stories," *Direk* Maryo makes sure Maricar will not just arouse curiosity but will also seduce the audience with her provocative performance.

Maricar's manager, **Douglas Quijano**, has mastered the art of star-building, having created the likes of **Richard Gomez, Jomari Yllana, Aiko Melendez, Gelli de Belen** and **Joey Marquez**, to name a few.

Then there's director **Joey Gosiengfiao**, who was behind the media hype that stirred public interest in **Alma Moreno**, Alice Dixson, **Dina Bonnevie, Rio Locsin, Gretchen Barretto**, Ara Mina, Assunta de Rossi and even the late **Claudia Zobel**.

"Bedtime Stories" is penned by the award-winning **Jun Lana**. Also starring in the film are **Wendell Ramos** and **Anton Bernardo**.

"Maricar deserves this break," says World Art Cinema's **Jojo Galang**, whose outfit is predicted by show biz insiders to start an exciting chain of events in the ever-changing film industry.

World Arts Cinema released its initial production, "Buko Pandan," early this year. The film, which also starred Maricar, earned a first quarter best picture citation from the Young Critics Circle.

Last June, the fledgling film outfit fielded "Utang ni Tatang," which competed for box office supremacy against releases from major production companies.

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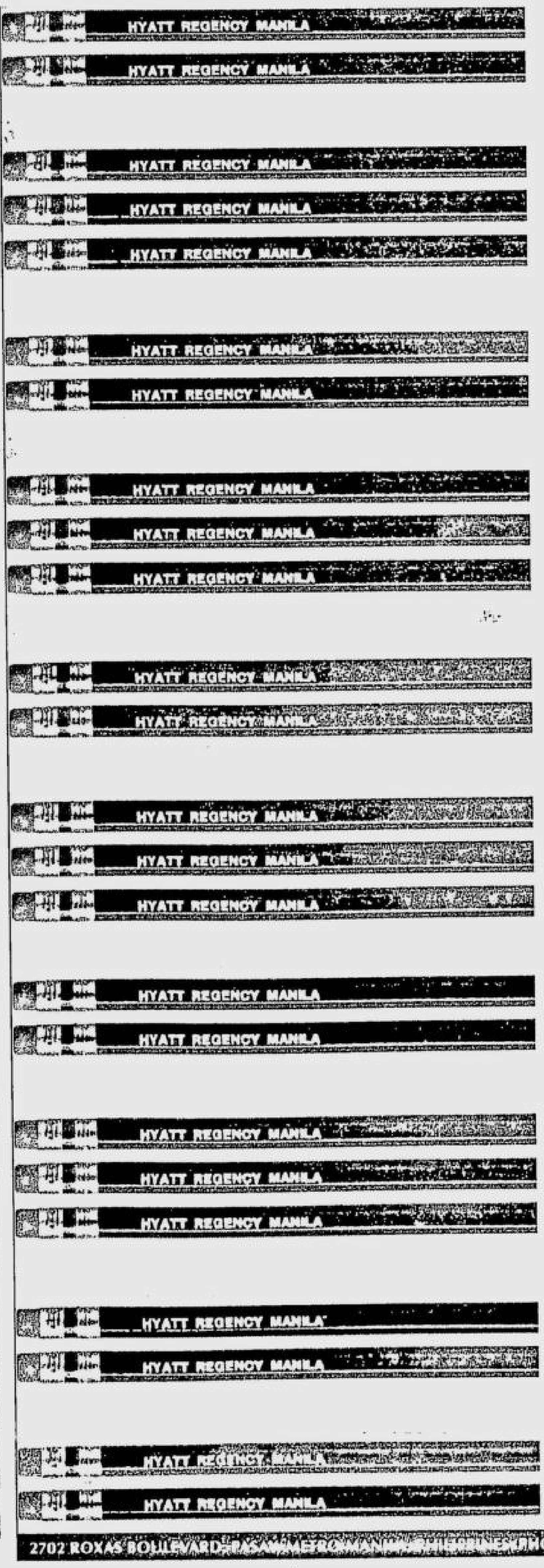

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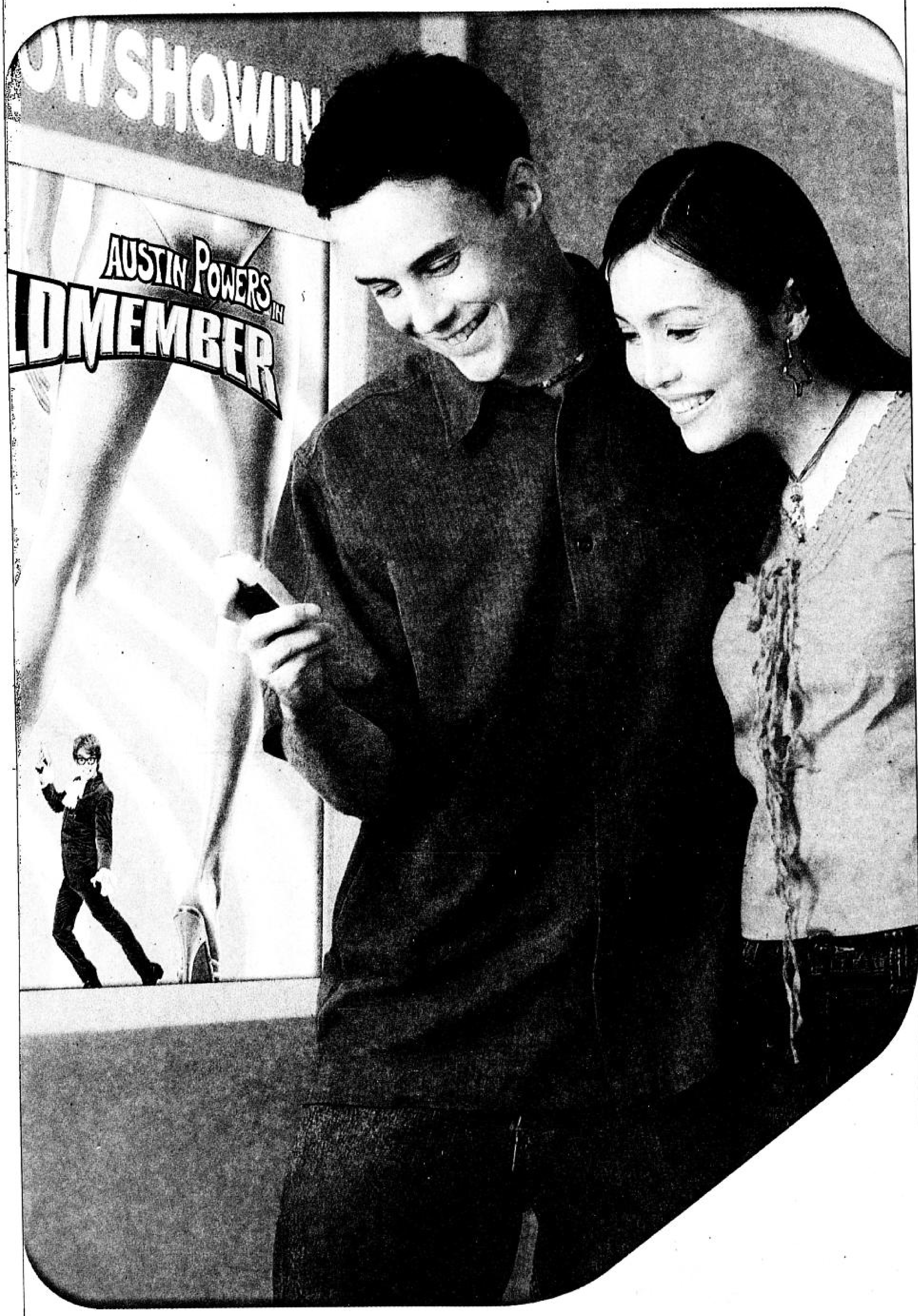

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Ringtones of the Future from SMART MMS PolyTones

Ringtones tell other people what kind of personality you have. It's a given, it's a fact. With the customization of cellular phones, people have been stamping their personalities on their phones via operator logos, screensavers, celfone casing, but more obviously with their ringtones. Individuals spend hours composing ringtones for themselves or their friends, and saving them on their celfones. Whether it's the latest pop hits, movie themes, love songs, or classics, the ringing of the cellular phone to different beats has become commonplace in the Philippines.

As fun as the composing and listening to ringtones has become, it's only natural that technological improvements would mean even better quality for ringtones today and for the future. Well, the future has just arrived.

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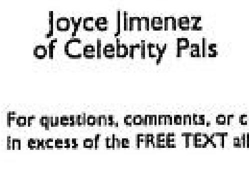
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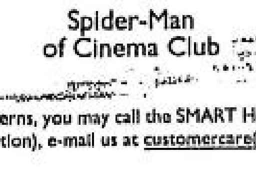
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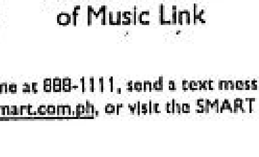

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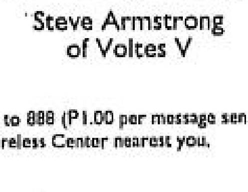
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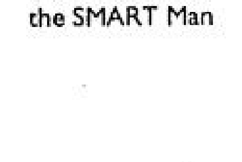
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Sense of moral disequilibrium

VIEWFINDER

Nestor U. Torre

THE FILM to see this week is "Insomnia," a psychological thriller topbilling **Al Pacino** as a veteran cop who investigates a murder case in Alaska, and gets sucked into a vortex of evil that reveals his own moral weakness and culpability.

Thus does this compelling and provocative production go beyond the thriller format to make telling points about how circumstances can conspire to blur the traditionally reliable parameters of truth, guilt and justice.

As the astute investigator, Pacino meets his match in the similarly brilliant suspected killer (**Robin Williams**). He admits that a teenage girl died while she was with him, but he swears that he didn't intend to kill her.

How could this be? To show that it could happen, Williams relates his case to Pacino's own tragic experience: While looking for the killer in a thick fog, Pacino accidentally shot another cop to death.

Little by little, Williams uses other comparative arguments to weaken Pacino's hold on what's right, and on what *actually* happened. This is a devious but hypnotically fascinating game that Williams is playing, and the veteran cop soon finds himself putty in the killer's hand.

Another major hypnotic element that further exacerbates Pacino's sense of moral disequilibrium is the fact that he has gone to Alaska during the "night-less" half of its year.

His guilt over the cop's death is intensified by his being unable to sleep—for days and days. At first, he's still able to function in a competent manner, but as the sleepless days pile up, he finds himself turning into a psychological basket case.

This physical and moral degeneration saddens a young investigator (**Hillary Swank**) who admires the veteran cop for his many case-cracking and crimebusting achievements. That's why it's particularly painful for her to realize that there's less to her hero than initially met her admiring eyes.

It is the three-way relationship between the killer, the veterán cop and the young investigator that gives "Insomnia" its special thespic and thematic power. As the film develops this complex relationship, it gives the three lead actors many opportunities to do their finest work.

Swank impresses with her simple yet heartfelt depiction of the young investigator who discovers to her extreme disquiet that her hero has feet of sullen clay. Williams' badguy turn is effective for its terrifying sense of almost casual evil.

But it is still Pacino who dominates the film with his compelling combination of physical torment and psychological breakdown. When, in the end, he regains his moral ascendancy, the empathetic viewer shares in his weary triumph.

Feedback

FROM **Anna Hashim-Cabrera**, Director/Volunteer of the Philippine Animal Welfare Society (PAWS): "Please help us appeal to programs like Channel 2's 'MTB' and Channel 7's 'Eat Bulaga' to stop using live animals in the portion of their shows where they 'dare' contestants to do unusual things (similar to the foreign TV show, 'Fear Factor').

"Eels and snakes are thrown about, a pack of vicious dogs is unleashed on contestants, etc., with no regard whatsoever for the welfare of the animals (whether or not they are suffering), all for the sake of boosting ratings and 'entertaining' viewers. In one show, a crab's claws were removed while it was still alive, before contestants were made to eat it.

"We question calling those vomit-inducing feats 'entertainment.' It is not so bad when people compete to see who eats the most chili peppers, but involving live animals capable of feeling pain and regarding them as inanimate objects we can fling about and use for 'entertainment' is as barbaric as it gets. It cheapens the value of life and shows total disregard for our fellow living creatures.

"To paraphrase **Albert Schweitzer**: 'Those who are predisposed to think animals' lives are worthless are also in danger of coming to the conclusion that human lives are similarly worthless.'"

Full of explosions, but not explosive enough

From p. A28

interest in the characters or the story.

As engaging as Vin Diesel is with his natural swagger, bouncer physique and deep, gravelly voice, his character is like Superman with no kryptonite. He needs kryptonite. Invincible is boring because there's no element of danger.

"No Fear" is just a motto to muster up some courage to face fear, which in filmmaking is essential to creating tension in the fights and explosions and what have you.

As a secret agent, the only thing XXX is good for is infiltrating rave parties to sniff out Ecstasy-pushers. As an action figure, his best line is a strong anti-smoking message to his teenage audience.

Keeping kids away from a vice has at least some human dimension in it, and it's worth hearing. Saying things like, "It's Xander time!" just brings snickers.

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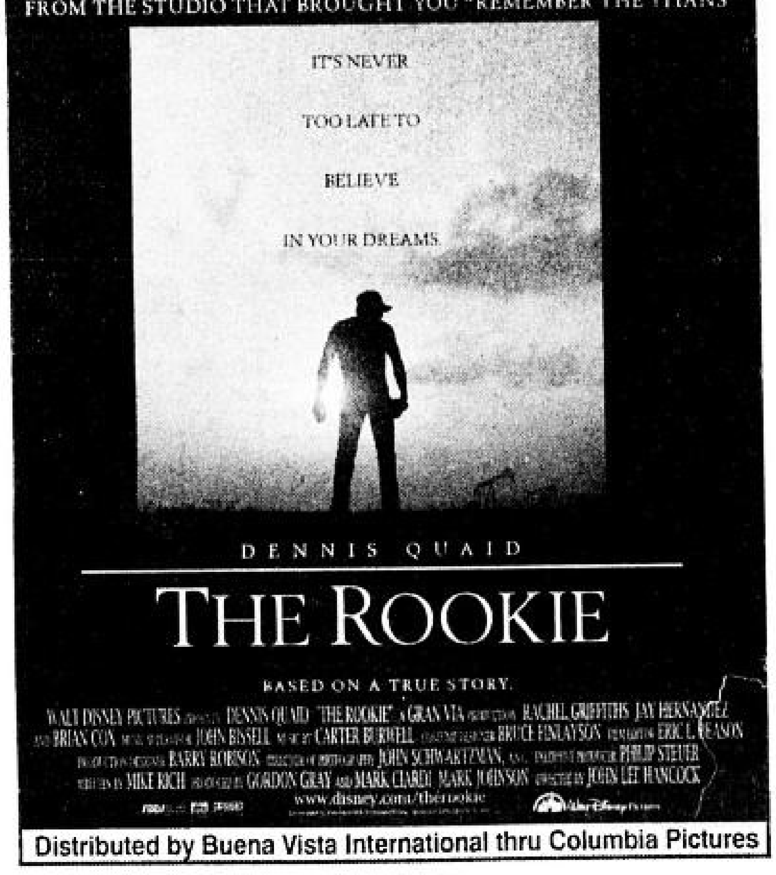

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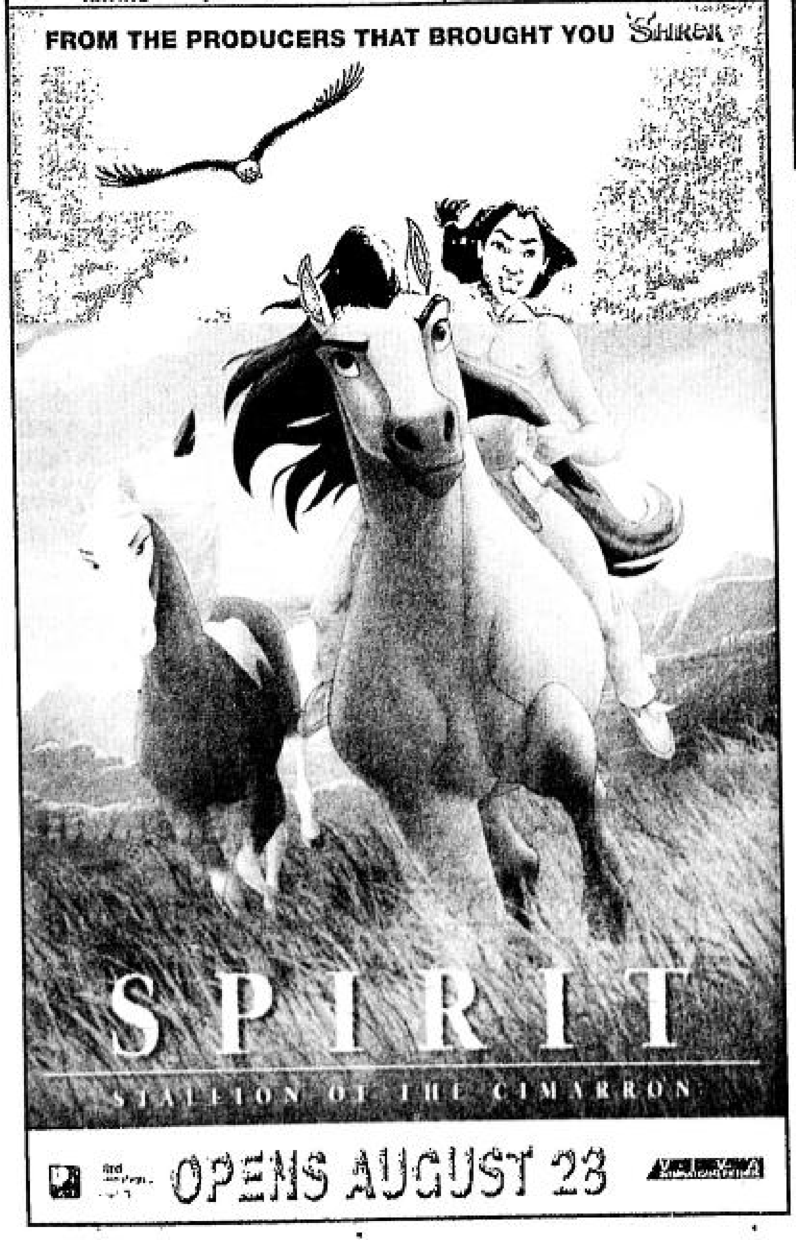

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Paolo Bediones opens music and dining place in Ortigas

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Leah Salterio

THE PIONEERING concept of Dish at Rockwell's Power Plant Mall, which combines entertainment and the dining pleasures offered by several restaurants all under one roof, inspired The Forum, the newest venue in Ortigas Center.

The Forum, on the third floor of the posh The Podium Mall along ADB Avenue, is owned by TV host **Paolo Bediones**, with talent manager **Jacob Fernandez** and former actress **Jessica Rodriguez**.

"We will not deny that we got the concept from Dish," Paolo allows. "But out of respect to **EJ Litton** and **Philip Cu-Unjieng**, who thought of the great idea for Dish, we will do a different execution for The Forum. I believe the market is big for this kind of establishment.

"Geographically, there's really no competition. Dish caters to the Makati clientele while we will target the Ortigas and Greenhills markets."

BEDIONES

Only last May, the three owners decided to convert the 670-square-meter area into a dining and entertainment venue.

"The space at The Podium was offered to Jacob," Paolo discloses. "Since he's the venture capitalist with an entrepreneurial spirit, we let him decide."

Jacob also owns Amoeba and Buddha Bar, and the now-defunct Club Spoon at the Alabang Town Center.

The Forum boasts of Las Vegas-inspired interiors, with a classic Roman design complete with tall columns, flowing drapes, busts and a fountain. The ceiling resembles the skyline ceiling of the famed Caesar's Palace, also in Las Vegas.

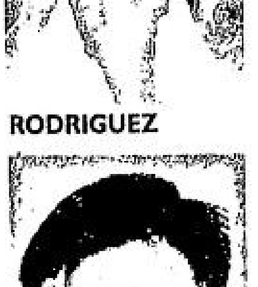
Even the name, The Forum, was derived from a popular shopping mall in the gambling capital of the world.

Paolo says The Forum can seat 400 people and can pack as many as 500 in an SRO crowd. There is a private room for parties. Nine restaurants will serve as concessionaires offering a culturally eclectic menu, from Joan Miro (Japanese), Palayok (Filipino), Kashmir (Indian), Golden Triangle (Thai), Andok's (roasts) and a Dessert Experience.

The venue will be open for lunch for the working community and shoppers in Ortigas Center. At night, top bands and a DJ will provide pulse-pounding music.

The trio behind The Forum is confident the new venue will redefine entertainment and create a new standard in dining.

Completing the team are entertainment consultant **Wyngard Tracy** and publicist **Boy Abunda**.



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Thursday nights, Paolo will play the piano and invite his friends in the business to an unplugged session.

"In my six years in the business, I've made quite a number of friends," Paolo says. "I think I can ask *naman* a favor from them to perform at The Forum."

There will also be comedy nights, retro nights and special nights. Bands will play every night.

The Forum will have a grand opening on Friday, Aug. 30.

"We are confident we can open on that day because we will use pre-fab materials," Paolo says.

Maricar's break

THE LATEST "bold" star to bare herself on the big screen is **Maricar de Mesa**, who sheds all inhibitions and undresses before the cameras in **Maryo J. de los Reyes'** "Bedtime Stories."

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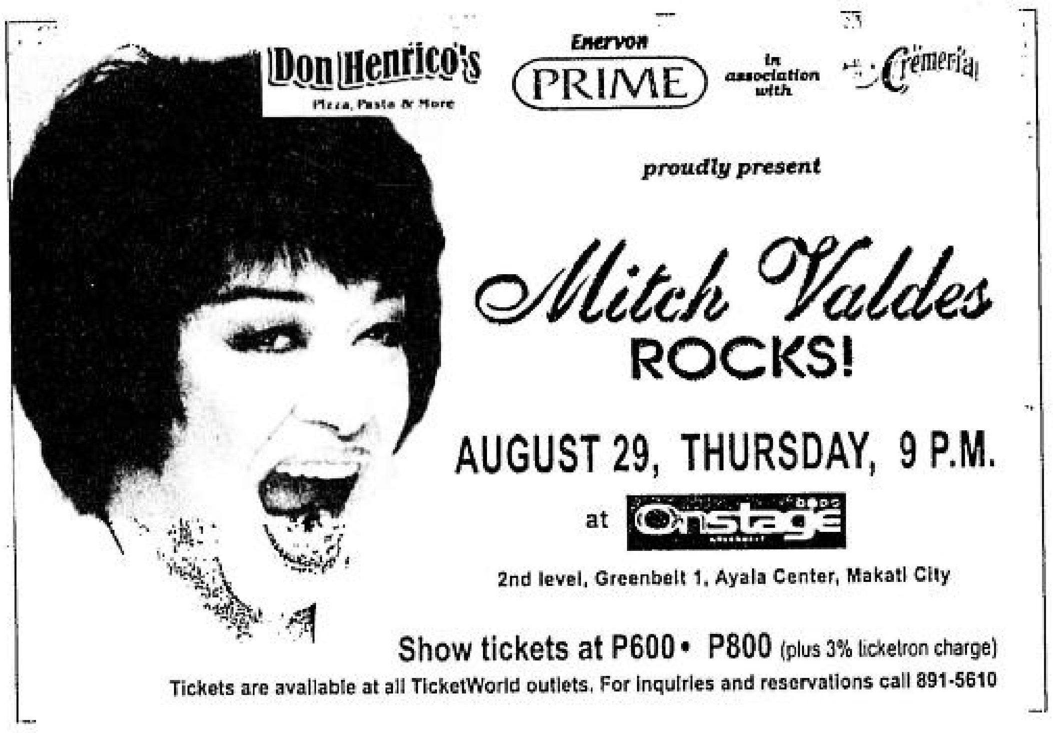

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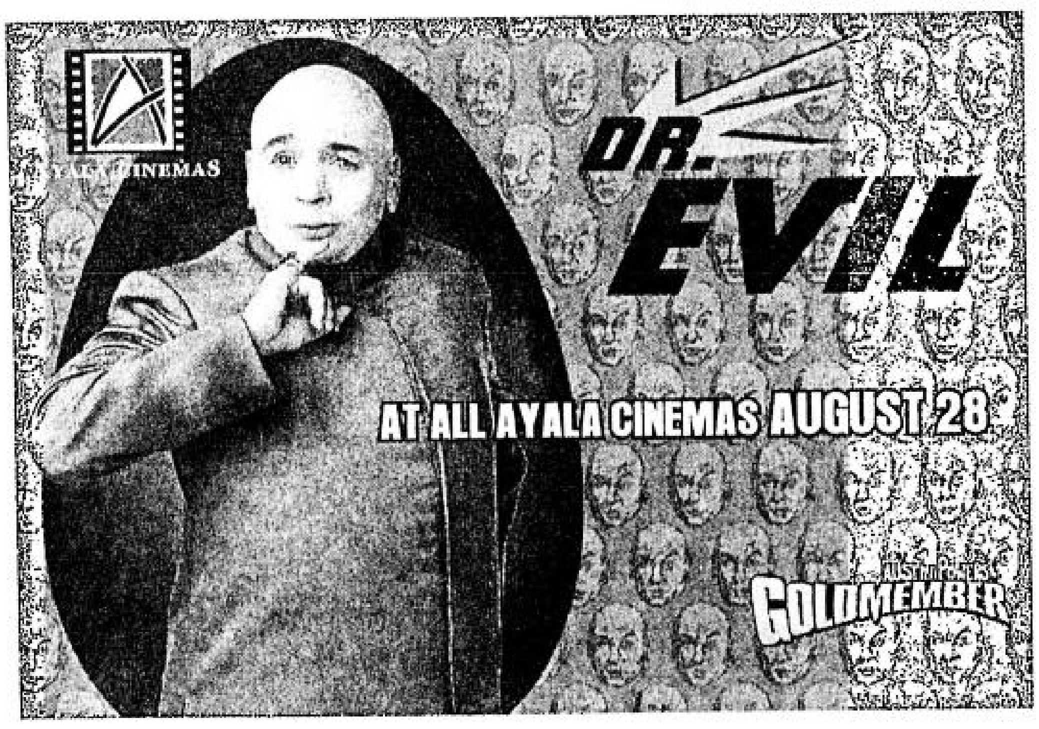

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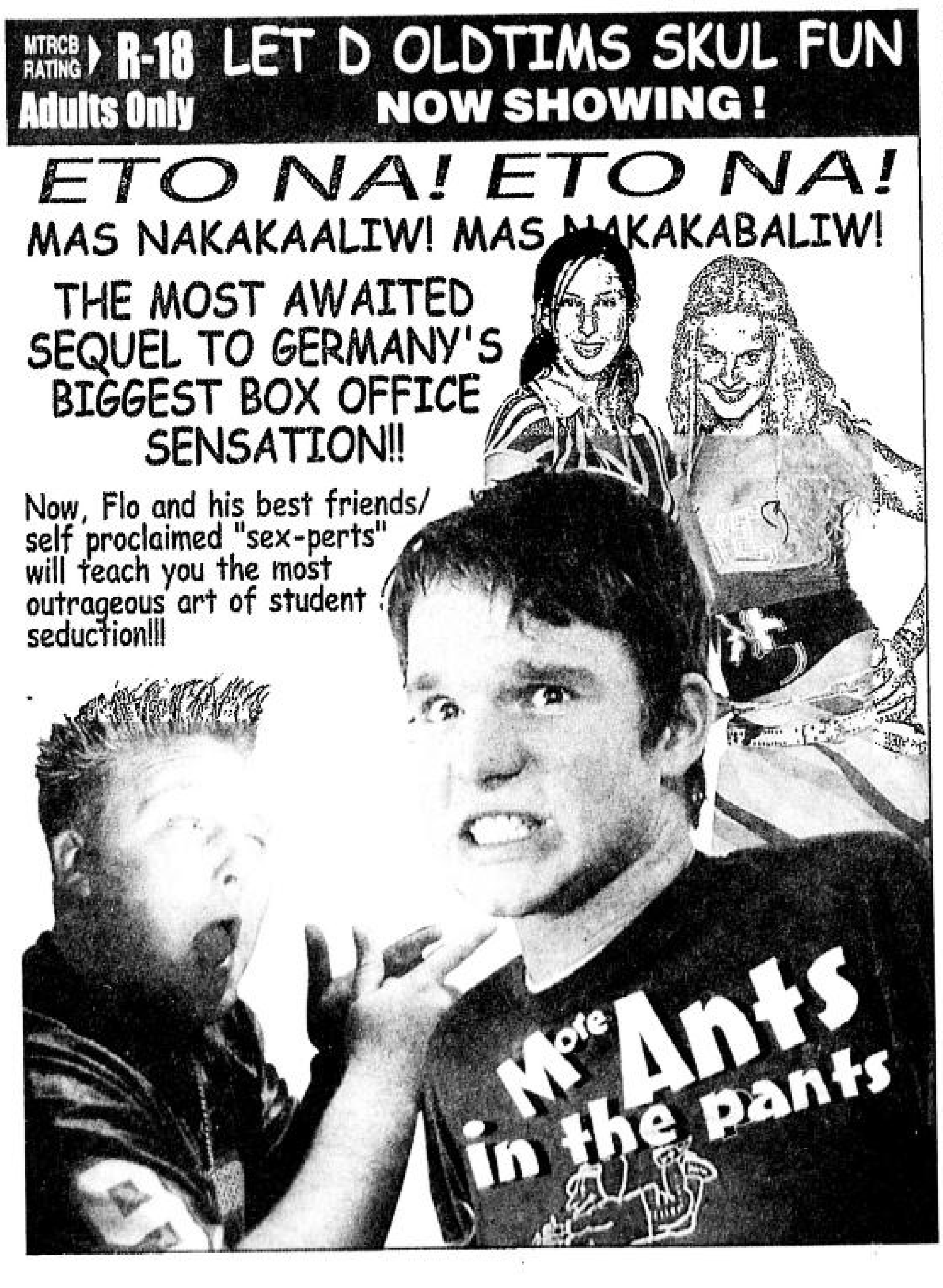

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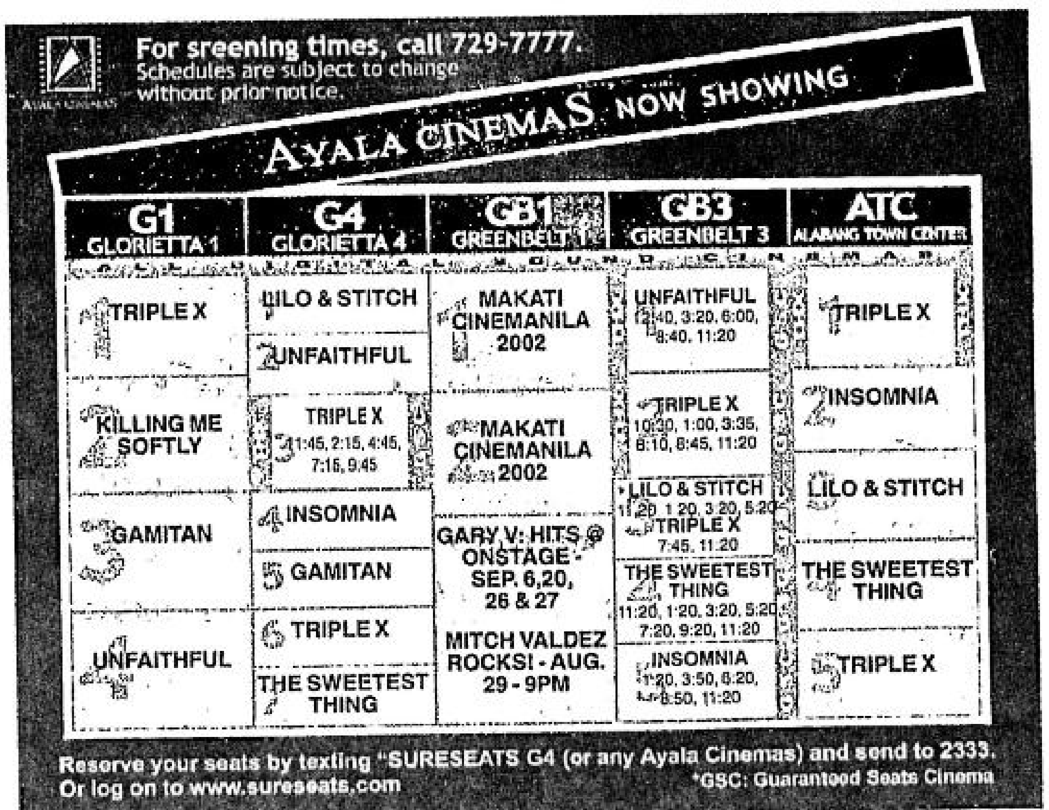

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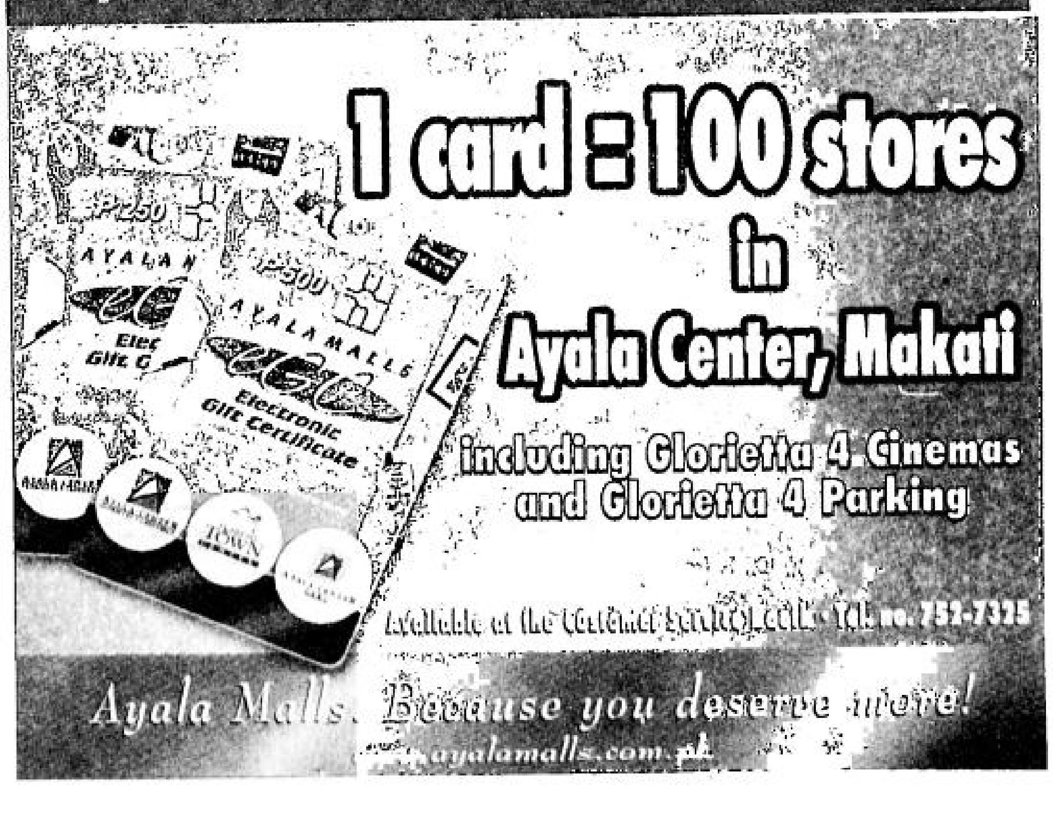

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ENTERTAINMENT

Editor **Louie C. Camino**

'XXX'

Full of explosions, but not explosive enough

By Ruben M. Cruz Jr.
Contributor

REVIEW

THE FIRST time I saw the trailer of "XXX" (Triple X), I knew the film isn't really meant for me but for a younger demographic.

This impression was confirmed a few days after when I got an invitation to a preview at the Columbia office.

"Can I bring some friends?" I asked the film company's accommodating publicist.

"Sure," he replied. "Do you have some teenage friends you could bring, too? We want to get their reactions to the film."

I felt a bit disappointed, not about the prospects of seeing a film made for teenagers, and not because I'm not a teenager anymore (thank goodness for that!) but because I realized I don't have any teenage friends.

I know a number of thirtysomething guys who still think and act like teenagers. But actual adolescents? Not a single one. I thought it's sad because I'm missing out on the perspectives of people who comprise a significant percentage of the country's population.

As a movie reviewer, I recall being very critical about a number of teenage films and I wonder, is it just because I'm older? Would I have liked these films, say, when I was 15?

In any case, I resolved to bring "back-up" for the screening of "XXX."

Pongi and Leslie were the best I could come up with. They're former students from my one-year stint as a high school teacher a few years ago. They're technically out of the "teen" range, but barely. And I couldn't relate to their angst-ridden repartee in my car (mostly about how old they are at 21) so they're probably as good as teenagers to me. Off we went to the screening.

Violator

Interestingly, my sentiments about "XXX" are not that far off from Pongi's or Leslie's. For a film that has a lot of explosions in it, "XXX" isn't what I would call explosive entertainment. An old movie-making principle is that strong visuals can't make for a weak script. "XXX" joins a long list of its violators.

But don't just listen to me. Like I said, I've got back-up.

"I don't know how to rate it," Pongi said, "but it's the type of movie I wouldn't even want to rent.

"The stunts were great and so were the editing and scoring. The CGI was bad. Some parts were funny. Some parts were trying to be funny. The plot development was really slow. Some scenes reminded me of 'Pulp Fiction,' 'James Bond' and 'Mission Impossible.' The ending was really cheesy. Honestly, I was really looking forward to seeing it on the big screen."

"(Emphasis on) was," said Leslie.

Boring

Kids today, they're so hard to please. Or maybe Pongi and Leslie just have high standards. Or maybe they've outgrown teen films altogether. Or maybe Bond-like action thrillers have become a tad too boring for them, even when they're spiced up by a hipper hero, hipper music and genuine Gen-Y attitude like in "XXX."

Whatever the reasons may be (and I'm tired of further speculations), "XXX" obviously doesn't work for them or me. Whether what we think actually matters to the people who would flock to see the film is another matter. I think it won't.

Convention is usually more of a comfort than a corruption in filmmaking. A lot of moviegoers want to see what they've always loved seeing. The poster may say that XXX is a new breed of secret agent but in reality, he's just a James Bond with tattoos, grungy clothes and a bald pate. That's precisely what the filmmakers were aiming for. And they know their business.

No fear

"A lot of people still like James Bond, and the young ones ought to get to know him better, so let's make it easier for them," the filmmakers probably thought. "Let's trade in the stodgy, tuxedoed gentleman spy for a brawny, bad ass like Vin Diesel and have him do like a two-hour pitch for 'No Fear'."

Unfortunately, that's exactly what we felt: no fear. In fact, we felt nothing at all for the characters on the big screen, and that's odd because they were doing some pretty crazy things, some of them seemingly genuine and unadulterated by computer graphics.

For instance, what XXX does with cars, motorcycles, parachutes and snowboards easily outdoes 007.

Outrunning an avalanche has got to count for something even if the hero does preposterously set it upon himself (that scene I'm sure is CGI-aided).

One can see from the slow motion and multi-angled takes of every stunt that a lot of time, effort, money and risk were invested in them. The stunts were choreographed well and complemented ably by MTV-style editing.

No kryptonite

I wish, though, that the filmmakers could have poured even half of their investment in the action sequences to generate some rooting

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ROXAS during his elementary days

From photocopier to Cabinet member

By Tina Arceo-Dumlao

TRADE Secretary Manuel A. Roxas II says that he lives life like "an ordinary Joe" even if he carries with him the privilege and responsibility of being an heir to the Araneta fortune on his mother's side and a grandson and namesake of the late President Manuel Roxas.

So like any ordinary person, the 45-year-old Roxas got his share of the *walis tingting, tsinelas* and belt of his parents when he violated house rules.

He woke up as early as 5 in the morning to recite the multiplication tables with his mother, Judy, and he put in at least two hours of reading every night so that he could watch a bit of television.

During the summers, he drove a *bagon* or trolley that transported sugar cane in his family's sugar cane plantation in Negros for an allowance.

Roxas tells Sunday Biz in an interview inside in his car while he drove around Makati, that he carried the same work ethic he learned from his parents when he first started working in 1976.

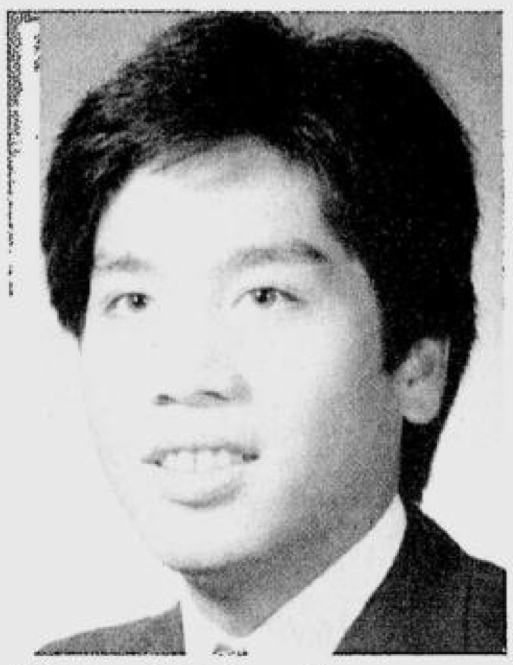
FIRST JOB

"I was home for the summer (from Wharton) that year and I got a summer job at SGV & Co. I was put in the management services division and I worked for one of the senior people who was assigned to the systems and procedures audit for Caltex," Roxas recalls.

Roxas says he was not given any special treatment that summer he spent in SGV.

"I came in at 8 in the morning and I worked my ass off like everybody else. I was the lowest man on the totem pole so I felt really proud when I received one of those dual pencils that had black lead on one end and red on the other. It was like a badge that you were an SGVer," Roxas says.

He returned to the Wharton School of Economics after that summer to complete his studies and it was not until 1979 that he got his first formal job as a member of the staff of Allen and Co., an orthodox Jewish company that was engaged in investment banking.



ROXAS graduating from college

"It was supposed to be just a one year thing because I always knew that I would have to go back to the Philippines. I ended up working for them for quite a number of years," Roxas explains.

His first job at the New York-based investment firm was to photocopy many of the documents that went through the investment firm, ranging from contracts to stock trade tickets.

"It was a conservative company and the work ethic was something else. I worked the photocopy machines for several months and the purpose was for me to be exposed to the work that the company does. Since I closed the stock transfer books, I saw what kind of shares the company would buy and sell," Roxas says.

Roxas was paid $3,000 for photocopying documents, which he says "was not a whole lot of money."

From manning the copiers, Roxas got transferred to different departments until he got exposed to the deal making part of investment banking. He saved enough money until he finally bought himself his first car - a top-down Volkswagen.

His stint in the US was cut short when he came home in 1993 to serve the remainder of the term of his late brother Gerardo Jr., fondly called Dinggoy, in Congress, representing the first district of Capiz.

This was followed by his own election to two consecutive three-year terms in Congress during which he caught the eye of the public for being an outstanding congressman. He became Majority Leader and chairman of the committee on rules, special committee on jobs generation and vice chair of the committee on economic affairs.

Through these years of public service, Roxas

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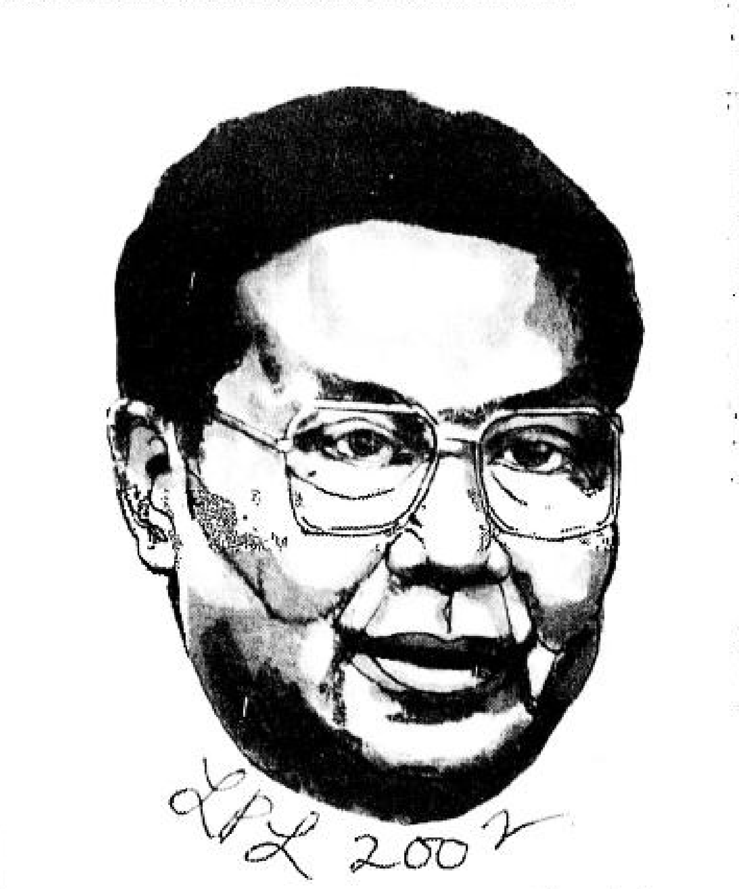

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Corporate history in a tapestry of a nation's checkered story

"Firebringer"
By Raul Rodrigo
Eugenio Lopez Foundation, 2001

By Dante M. Velasco
Contributor

THE ENGINE of socio-economic growth, private industry, is hardly mentioned in a nation's-or world-history. Our historians preoccupy themselves with political events and people that make them, if not political movements and leaders that drive them.

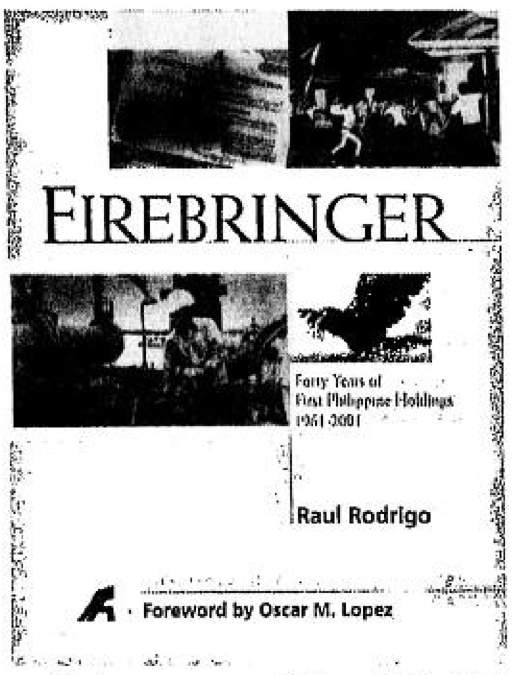
Review history books—and these are filled with the sounds of the drums of war, the voices in parliament, the screams of gunfire of street parliamentarians, and the deadly cadence of soldiers on the march. History, in general, does not pay attention to industrial breakthroughs or corporate revolutions: these are left to corporate biographers and industry chroniclers-tidily apart from the "real" history of humankind.

On hindsight, however, you know that much of the advancement of the human community as we know it is due to the discoveries and innovations driven by industrialists-or inventors funded or employed by industries. General Electric gave us the incandescent lamp, Ford gave us the car assembly line, Kodak popularized the camera, Xerox triggered the paper revolution through copiers, etc.

EXECUTIVE READ

Once you take a long considered look at the impact of these inventions, you know that they are more powerful than army tanks, mightier than foot soldiers, and more eloquent than the most stirring speeches in parliaments around the world. Corporate histories, in fact, become even more interesting, if they are interwoven into the larger epic of global or national life.

This is the case of "Firebringer"—subtitled "Forty Years of First Philippine Holdings"—an epic story of the Lopez Family's role in the business and corporate world. Whether they wanted it or not, the Family's corporate involvements, were interwined into the tapestry of the Philippines' socio-political history-marked by political turbulence, corporate upheavals, unceremonious exiles and dramatic comebacks.


FIREBRINGER
Forty Years of First Philippine Holdings 1961-2001
Raul Rodrigo
Foreword by Oscar M. Lopez

It is rare enough that a corporate giant like the Lopez Group was, at times, embroiled in the political upheavals of the time, principal of which was the takeover of the Meralco Securities by a once powerful man in the Marcos regime. It is rarer that its top heirs and executives were taken prisoners, and then staged a dramatic escape—then lived to tell the story on television, print media—and in a blockbuster movie.

This is the narrative stuff of "Firebringer," whose book jacket explains it as "another name for Prometheus, the Titan who brought fire down from heaven as boon to mankind." It is actually a takeoff from a Greek myth where once man lived without fire--and thus was consigned to coping with darkness at night and surviving, yes, without cooked food by day—to say the least.

This book tells the story of First Philippine Holdings—with huge ventures in power generation and distribution, property development, electric utilities, agribusiness, manufacturing-and, yes, broadcast media. "Firebringer" is also the story of the patriarch of the Lopez family, Don Eugenio Lopez, who founded First Holding's forerunner, the Meralco Securities Corp. (MSC), and his sons and heirs.

As corporate history would have it, MSC was actually the holding company formed in 1961 by Don Eugenio, who, as the book says, declared his faith that Filipinos could run a power company like the Meralco "at a time when most Filipinos didn't think they had what it took to acquire and run a world-class company." His son, Oscar Lopez says that it was his father's "vision, audacity and competence" that completed the Filipinization of Meralco acquired from its American owners.

The book is both history and biography, proving a sage's view that history is actually biography. "Firebringer" is history punctuated with riveting accounts of hostile takeovers, buy-outs, mergers and acquisitions, ambitious financing packages, backroom negotiations, and grand projects with epic proportions. It also presents a cast of characters (young then) who initiated and forged agreements and who implemented ambitious projects like laying pipelines cutting across provinces and less than friendly communities.

"Firebringer" is also a story of many more "firebringer"—young men schooled in the leadership style of the Lopez patriarch-and who became leaders of this country or who now occupy the helm of top corporations in the country as "captains of industry." Stories are told of how Don Eugenio recruited promising young men to work for the company when they were yet in their early 20s and who fulfilled their potential by rising to become CEOs of some of the country's top 100.

Don Eugenio wrote years before taking over Meralco "that human values are superior to material values . . . that our success should be measured not by the wealth we can accumulate," but by the amount of happiness we can spread to our employees." Heartwarming accounts about the patriarch pepper the pages of this book-handing a check as bonus or a letter or promotion.

He also had a knack for people's names. The book narrates that, when Filemon T. Berba Jr., a very new employee at MSC, he and other MSC executives were at the airport to meet Don Eugenio. "There was no reason he should remember me. But when he passed by me, he held out his hand and said: 'O Berba, how are you?'" Jun Berba cannot forget that in his lifeline. He muses now: "If that doesn't grab your loyalty, nothing will." Berba, now with the Ayala Corp., is now dubbed the CEO's CEO.

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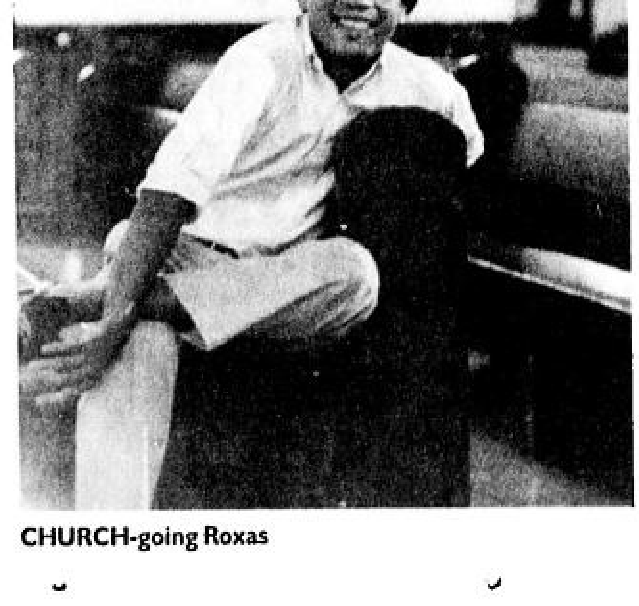
From photocopier to Cabinet member

MAR with his parents

A PEEK into Roxas' library



CHURCH-going Roxas

MAR with his late brother

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says he carried with him the discipline and the propensity for hard work that his bosses in the United States inculcated in him.

"My experience in the US taught me to be self-reliant and to persevere. I also learned that there are times when the best policy is to just be straightforward, to not be Asian and be frank, direct to the point," he says.

He combines these principles with what his parents, Judy Araneta-Roxas, and the late Sen. Gerardo Roxas, taught him even as a young boy.

"My parents planted two seeds. The first was the seed of social responsibility, of the obligation to give back to the well, which has nourished us. This country has been good to my family so it is just right to give something back," he says.

Roxas explains that this is one of the reasons why he has opted to continue providing government service even if he could always choose to go back to investment banking.

The second lesson his parents taught him was to take pride in work, even if it would not get the credit that it deserves.

"They tell me that I should be like a craftsman who takes pride in knowing that the two joints that you put together is a work of art even if it is not seen when you look at a table. The important thing is that you know that you did the joint well even if nobody else notices it," he stresses.

Roxas says he tries to practice these lessons in his work as Trade secretary, taking pride in projects such as the 40-hour-a-year training program that he committed to each of the DTI employees.

"We have this project that has never been done before where every one in DTI will go through a training program, 50 percent of the hours would be for general training, 25 percent for technical and 25 percent for personal training. My idea is that these trainings would make them well-rounded people, and so they can provide better service to the people," Roxas says.

Personal training sessions include entrepreneurship sessions and seminars on livelihood projects such as making candles, no-bake cakes and native delicacies.

"I know that these trainings will make every DTI person appreciate the world better, perhaps have a better family life or have a second business. Hopefully these would translate to them being better persons," he says.

Projects like these give him as much or even more fulfillment as concluding a complicated deal such as the buy-in of the Kirin group of Japan into San Miguel Corp. or negotiating trade deals with other countries.

Fitting them into his day is quite a challenge for his staff, but Roxas is no stranger to working until midnight. His day can be so crowded that he even has to set an appointment with himself to have a haircut, although he makes it a point to spend an hour for exercise.

To save himself time, he occasionally takes the MRT to escape the traffic and "to enjoy his anonymity" in the crowded trains. As he says, he likes the fact that he can get into the train without anybody coming up to him.

It is a hectic life but Roxas is buoyed by his optimism that the Philippines would prosper.

"Like our daily experience, sometimes there are cloudy days, sometimes there are thunderstorms but the sun always shines after that. We have hardworking people and we have abundant resources. The challenge is to convert these into prosperity," he says.

Asked if he would run for higher office like many expect him to do, Roxas just smiles, says "We'll see," and finally turns around and heads to the driveway of the DTI office for another long day.

ROXAS family. (clockwise) Manuel II, Ria, Gerry, Dinggoy and Judy

ROXAS today

Golfers swing to help create one million jobs

RUDY Cuenca of Manila Golf (left) gives a plaque of appreciation to President Arroyo as Lorenzo (right) looks on.

TOP businessmen took time off recently from their busy schedules to indulge in one of their favorite pastimes, but this time for a special reason. The 2nd President GMA-PBSP Cup, a fundraising golf tournament organized by Philippine Business for Social Progress (PBSP), was held recently at the Manila Golf and Country Club.

The tournament, dubbed "Swing for A Million Jobs," raised P15.8 million which will be used to help finance creation of jobs mostly in agricultural and food-based efforts, for the government's A Million Jobs program.

President Macapagal-Arroyo, the tournament committee's honorary chair, came to thank the corporate supporters and encouraged them to continue supporting PBSP in its poverty alleviation efforts.

OSCAR Lopez of First Philippine Holdings, a presenting sponsor of the tournament.

"The contributions of PBSP look so small when viewed against the entire country's poverty problem. Nonetheless, the board and its membership remain hopeful that whatever strides it has made might inspire others to follow suit," said Perez-Rubio.

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- Graduate of Computer Science / Computer Engineering / ECE or related courses
- With at least 3-5 years experience in Windows NT Administration, Router Configuration and other technical support functions

SALES & SERVICE OFFICERS
- Male or Female
- Between 24-28 years old
- Graduate of any Business related course
- CPA an advantage
- 3 to 5 years experience in new accounts, tellering, bookkeeping and supervision

ACCOUNT OFFICERS
- Male or Female
- Between 25-35 years old
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- With at least 2 years experience as Account Officer for Consumer Loans
- Familiar with solicitation of deposit accounts
- Excellent oral and written communication skills
- Pleasing personality

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- Between 21-25 years old
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- Experience in tellering / new accounts is an advantage
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- With good oral and written communication skills
- Pleasing personality

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An international development organization implementing peace and development in Southern Philippines is in search of a qualified individual to fill-up the position of a Assistant Security and Liaison Officer (ASALO) to be based in Mindanao. Under the direct supervision of and reporting to the Designated Official for Security at the Manila headquarters, the ASALO will be part of the United Nations Field Security Office (UNFSO). The ASALO will act as the safety and security advisor of the Programme Management Team (PMT) in Mindanao and shall have the following functions and responsibilities:

- Accept requests for Security Clearance within the Mindanao area of operations / responsibility / interests and process the requests in the prescribed format and in accordance with UNSECOORD / UNFSO (Philippines) standing SOPs.
- Makes necessary security coordination activities for the Mindanao project staff and staff going into Mindanao, as necessary / required.
- Advises the PMT on all matters pertaining to safety and security in accordance with the UNFSOs TOR.
- Recommends area project safety and security training.
- Ensures that the Mindanao Security Plan is current, updated and applicable / workable in view of current local conditions.
- Initiates activities to insure the readiness of the Mindanao staff in responding to the provisions of the Mindanao Security Plan.
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- Performs safety / security activities in accordance with the UNFSOs TOR, such as security investigation, surveys, and the like.
- Performs other duties that may be requested from time to time.

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- At least with (6) years military or police experience preferably with the rank of an officer
- Must be a college graduate, computer literate, must be able to accomplish work with minimum supervision, must be goal oriented
- Must have a strong coordinating skills with the different organizations working in Mindanao.
- Must be familiar with the culture, history and current situation in Mindanao
- Must be able to converse in any of the local dialects
- Can work under pressure

Please submit your application letter and comprehensive resume on or before 6 September 2002 to Development Support Services Center, United Nations Development Programme, 7th Floor, NEDA sa Makati Building, 106 Amorsolo St., Legaspi Village, Makati City (via courier) or P.O. Box 7285 Domestic Airport Post Office Lock Box, 1300 Domestic Road, Pasay City (via airmail), Tel. Nos. (632) 8920611 to 25, Fax nos. (632) 8164061/8939598; Email Address: bc_admin.ph@undp.org

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One (1) Project Evaluation Officer
One (1) Project Administration Assistant
One (1) Messenger

Applicants must be:

1. With Masteral/Bachelor's Degree relevant to the position
2. With relevant working experience
3. With working knowledge on Word, Excel, Powerpoint and Internet

Please send your application letter and curriculum vitaé with 2x2 picture on or before **August 30, 2002** to:

ENGR. BONIFACIO B. MAGTIBAY
Project Manager
Integrated Community Health Services Project
4th Floor, Philippine Tuberculosis Society Building
Tayuman, Sta. Cruz, Manila

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RECRUITMENT OFFICER
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Please send your resumé to:

The Accounting Manager
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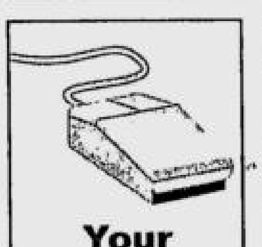

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- With 1-2 years experience in paint manufacturing.

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- Male, not over 40 years old.
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Other Fringe Benefits

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THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
P.O. Box 425
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WANTED IMMEDIATELY

COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST

An international organization has an immediate need for a COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST who will provide research, media, analysis, writing, and other related services in the field of family planning communication. He/She will assist in the design, management, and evaluation of communication/advocacy initiatives in family planning, in writing and development of family planning and health materials for in house publications, as well as the placement of relevant materials in the mass media. The incumbent will assist in the assessment of the impact of communication interventions to make family planning more socially acceptable. As such, he/she will also be responsible for evaluating and monitoring policies that affect social acceptance of family planning keeping partners, stakeholders, and the team leader informed of the latest developments in the areas of communication and advocacy in the delivery of family planning service. A bachelor's degree in communication or any related course is required, a master's degree or graduate units in communication, social sciences or any related graduate course is desirable. Five years of professional work experience in mass media, advertising, public relations, development communication or similar field is required with demonstrated ability to manage and coordinate communication campaign and advocacy work, and write technical as well as popular articles for publication. Fluency in written and oral English as well as the native Filipino language is essential. Familiarity with basic population and family planning concepts and solid theoretical knowledge of communication theories for behavior and social change, as well as good, practical knowledge of the Philippine mass media environment is desirable. Proficiency in the use of computers (Adobe Pagemaker, Microsoft Word, Excel, Outlook, Powerpoint, e-mail, internet, etc.) is required.

Competitive salary (including mid-year and year-end bonuses), health and life insurance, and a retirement plan is offered.

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SEALED BIDS must be received on or before **September 13, 2002 at 12:00 NOON** at Alapang, La Trinidad, Benguet. **OPENING of BIDS** will be on the same date at **1:00 p.m.**

Only those present during the Pre-Qualification Conference will be allowed during the bidding proper. BENECO reserves the right to reject any or all bids which do not comply with the requirements.

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To find out if you are eligible to use the service, please call:

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** Some applicants may require an interview. If this is the case the Embassy will contact you.

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

Consulting Services for the Capacity Assessment for Protected Area Management of the Assessment of Capacity Building Needs for Biodiversity Conservation and Management in the Philippines (PHI/01/G31)

The Development Support Services Center (DSSC) of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) invites consultants to apply for eligibility and to bid for the "Capacity Assessment for Protected Area Management", a sub-contract under the Assessment of Capacity Building Needs for Biodiversity Conservation and Management in the Philippines.

The Protected Areas and Wildlife Bureau of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR – PAWB) with funding support from UNDP will be conducting additional enabling activities to meet its commitments to the Convention of Biological Diversity (CBD). One of the components of the grant is the assessment of the capacity of concerned sectors in implementing measures to manage Protected Areas (PA's) in the Philippines. The National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP) clearly identified the shortage of expertise as one of the major drawbacks in the management of the PA in the Philippines.

The project therefore requires the services of a consulting firm to assess the overall capacity of the Protected Area Management Board (PAMB), particularly of the key sectors such as the DENR, LGU's, PO, IP's and NGO's involved in PA management.

For interested parties, Bid Documents (Eligibility Requirements, Instructions to Bidders and Terms of Reference) may be secured personally, upon payment of a non-refundable amount of PhP 500.00 from the following address :

Development Support Sevices Center
United Nations Development Programme
7th Floor, NEDA sa Makati Building
106 Amorsolo Street, Legaspi Village, 1229 Makati City
Tel. No. (632) 892 0611 loc. 275
Fax No. (632) 816-4061 / 893-9598
Email Address : bc_admin.ph@undp.org

The abovementioned Bid Documents will be released to all interested participants starting **August 26, 2000 to August 30, 2002 only**. The Bid Documents shall contain all instructions on the rules, procedures, bid opening dates and other schedules for this activity.

UNDP reserves the right to reject any or all the bids, waive any defect or informality therein, accept the bid and award the contract to the most advantageous offer to the UNDP, for and in behalf of the Protected Area and Wildlife Bureau, Department of Environment and Natural Resources. UNDP assumes no responsibility to compensate or indemnify the bidder for any expense or loss that may be incurred for the preparation of bids, nor does it guarantee that an award will be made.

(Sgd.) **ETHELIND B. CAPUNO**
Manager, DSSC

(PDI--Aug. 25, 2002)

Republic of the Philippines
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
SEC Building, EDSA, Greenhills
Mandaluyong City

SEC MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 11

Series of 2002

TO : ALL LENDING INVESTORS
RE : SEC Memorandum Circular No. 13

In view of the proposed **"Lending Company Regulation Act of 2001"** and the numerous requests of lending investors, the Securities and Exchange Commission hereby extends to six (6) months or up to **May 2, 2003** within which to comply with the requirements of SEC Memorandum Circular No. 13, Series of 2001 dated **October 11, 2001**.

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

August 8, 2002
Mandaluyong City, Metro Manila

Lilia R. Bautista
LILIA R. BAUTISTA
Chairperson

(PDI - Aug 25, 2002)

Republic of the Philippines
Asian Development Bank-Assisted
Philippine Regional Municipal Development Project
City of Puerto Princesa

INVITATION FOR BIDS

Date:	19 August 2002
ADB Loan No.	1367-PHI
MDF Subloan No.	03-96 (PHI)
Subproject No.	003 (PHI)

1. The Republic of the Philippines has received a loan from the Asian Development Bank, herein referred to as the "Bank", in various currencies towards the cost of the Philippine Regional Municipal Development Project and it is intended that part of the proceeds of this loan will be applied to eligible payments under contract(s) or the Supply and Delivery of various Sanitary Landfill equipment.
2. The City of Puerto Princesa, an Implementing Agency for the Project now invites sealed bids from the eligible bidders from member countries of the Bank for the supply and delivery of various Sanitary Landfill equipment as follows:

   Item No.1 One (1) unit Wheel Type Landfill Compactor with Dozer Blade
   Item No. 2 One (1) unit Dump Truck, 4x2, 15 tonner, 3-way tipper
3. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information on the bid form and inspect the bidding documents at the office of

   THE CHAIRMAN
   Prequalification Bids and Awards Committee
   c/o PRMDP Project Action Unit, City Hall
   Sta. Monica, City of Puerto Princesa
4. A complete set of bidding documents can be acquired by any interested eligible bidder upon submission of a written application to the above address and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of PHP3,000.00 per Contract Package. Bid Documents will be available on 19 August 2002 until 10 October 2002. A Pre-Bid Conference will be held on **16 September 2002** at the above address.
5. All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security or Bank Guarantee of Five Percent (5%) of the total Bid Price and must be delivered in accordance with the Instruction to Bidders on or before **17 October 2002** immediately after which bids will be publicly opened.
6. Bidders may submit bids for any or all of the items and quotations must be for any or all the equipment items and at full quantity/ies described under this contract package being bidded.
7. The City of Puerto Princesa reserves the right to reject any or all bids, waive any informality contained therein and accept offers most advantageous to the Government.

(Sgd.) **ATTY. ALEN ROSS B. RODRIGUEZ**
PBAC Chairman (Representative of the City Mayor)

(PDI--Aug. 21, 25 & 27, 2002)

NATIONAL POWER CORPORATION
GENCO 6

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID G6-2002-008

The Bids and Awards Committee (BAC)-GENCO 6 invites interested bidders to apply for eligibility and to bid for the following requirements:

SCHEDULE		ITEM/DESCRIPTION	PR NUMBER
		DATE OF BIDDING: SEPTEMBER 25, 2002; 10:00 AM	
A1	1 LOT	JO' REPAIR/RECONDITIONING OF AIR COOLING WATER BOOSTER PUMP (ACWBP) OF PLANTS A, B and C	3TIW-02-0045
		DATE OF BIDDING: SEPTEMBER 25, 2002; 2:00 PM	
A2	1 LOT	JO' REPAIR/REHAB OF INTERMEDIATE AIR COMPRESSOR & UTILITY AIR COMPRESSOR OF PLANTS A, B and C	3TIW-02-0046
		DATE OF BIDDING: SEPTEMBER 26, 2002; 10:00 AM	
B1	1 LOT	JO' SUPPLY OF LABOR AND MATERIALS IN THE INSTALLATION OF 13.8 KV GENERATOR CIRCUIT BREAKERS OF UNIT 5 & 6	3TIW-02-0005
		DATE OF BIDDING: SEPTEMBER 26, 2002; 2:00 PM	
B2	1 SET	JO' THERMAL SPRAY/REPAIR & RESTORE TO ORIGINAL DIAMETER AND SIZE OF BEARING HOUSING/HOLDER OF COOLING TOWER FAN MOTORS	3MAK-02-0393
B3	3 PCS	DIFFUSER, HD AND 3 OTHER ITEMS	3MAK-02-0276

NOTE: A Pre-Bidding Conference will be held for the following bidding schedules on:

1) A1 - SEPTEMBER 10, 2002; 9:00 a.m. at SLRO Bidding Room
2) A2 - SEPTEMBER 10, 2002; 10:00 a.m. at SLRO Bidding Room
3) B1 - SEPTEMBER 10, 2002; 11:00 a.m. at SLRO Bidding Room

Complete sets of Application Form for Eligibility and Bid Documents may be obtained from Procurement, Traffic and Warehousing Services (PTWS) Section, Administration Division, GENCO 6, San Vicente, Biñan, Laguna, upon payment of a non-refundable fee of P100.00 starting **August 21, 2002**. No bid documents will be issued on the date of bidding.

Bids will be received at the SLRC Bidding Room, NPC-SLRC, San Vicente, Biñan, Laguna on the date and time specified above after which Eligibility Requirements and Bid Proposals will be opened in the presence of attending bidders.

Prospective Bidders shall signify conformance to bidding terms and conditions as required and shall ensure the same through proper submission/execution in accordance with **"Executive Order 40"**.

The Bidder shall furnish as part of his bid, a bid security in the amount equivalent to 2.5% of the approved budget in the form of Cash, Manager's/Cashier's Check, Irrevocable Letter of Credit, Surety Bond, penal and callable on demand issued by a Surety or Insurance Company accredited by the Office of the Insurance Commission.

NPC-GENCO 6 reserves the right to reject any or all bids at any time prior to award of contract, waive any defects therein, and accept the offer most advantageous to the Corporation, without thereby incurring any of the following a) liability whatsoever to offset expenses or losses the bidder may incur in the preparation of the bids and b) obligation to inform the affected bidder or bidders of the grounds for the basis of the BAC's action.

(Sgd.) R.H. HERRERA
Chairman, BAC

(PDI – Aug. 17 & 25, 2002)

ILOCOS NORTE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.
Suyo, Dingras, Ilocos Norte
Tel. Nos. (077) 784-7546, Fax No. (077) 784-7125

INVITATION TO PRE-QUALIFY AND TO BID

The Ilocos Norte Electric Cooperative, Inc. has applied for a loan from the Rural Electrification Financing Corporation for the construction of 7.620/13.2 KV three phase 4 wire backbone line.

Interested suppliers are invited to submit their pre-qualification documents for the supply of pole line materials, hardwares, conductors, poles and other materials needed in the construction of the distribution line not later than September 4, 2002 at INEC main office, Suyo, Dingras, Ilocos Norte.

Only those pre-qualified shall be invited to Bid.

(Sgd.) **RENATO A. BALINTEC**
PBAC Chairman

(PDI – Aug. 25, 2002)

HEADQUARTERS
LIGHT ARMOR BRIGADE, PHILIPPINE ARMY
Camp O'Donnell, Capas, Tarlac

BAC 21 August 2002

LABDE, PA INVITATION TO BID NR 01-2002

The Light Armor Brigade, Philippine Army is inviting all reputable suppliers to Pre-qualify and Bid for the Supply and Delivery of Radio Accessories of Armoured Vehicles.

The pre-bidding is scheduled on **02 September 2002** at 2:00 PM while the bidding will be on **11 September 2002** at 2:00 PM at LABde, PA Conference Room, Camp O'Donnell, Capas, Tarlac.

The LABde, PA neither assumes any obligation whatsoever to compensate or indemnify the bidders for any expense or loss that may be incurred in the preparation of their bid, nor does it guarantee that an award will be made.

THE LABDE, PA RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS WITHOUT OFFERING ANY REASON, WAIVE ANY DEFECT CONTAINED HEREIN AND ACCEPT THE LOWEST COMPLYING AND REASONABLE BID AND ONE THAT IS MOST ADVANTAGEOUS TO THE PHILIPPINE ARMY.

(Sgd.) ERNESTO P. CUTIYOG
Chairman, BAC

(PDI -- Aug. 23, 24 & 25, 2002)

Republic of the Philippines
SOUTHERN LEYTE STATE COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
Main Campus, 6606 Sogod, Southern Leyte
Tel. No.: (053) 3822003/3823294/3822439/Telefax No.: (053) 3823294
website: http://www.slscstonline.edu.ph e-add: slscst@slscstonline.edu.ph

INVITATION TO PRE-QUALIFY AND BID

a. The Southern Leyte State College of Science and Technology, Sogod, Southern Leyte is inviting registered contractors (Category "C"-Building) to pre-qualify and bid the proposed construction/continuation of SLSCST Two-Storey Administration Building Phase III.

b. Pre-C Forms, Bid documents as well as other information are available at the BAC Secretariat c/o BAC Chairman, SLSCST Sogod, Southern Leyte upon submission of the following: (1) Letter of Intent; (2) PCAB License; (3) Certification of Completion and Acceptance of Contract Agreement of completed similar projects; and (4) Presentation of original documents for authentication purposes.

c. Working plan shall be released to pre-qualified contractors upon payment of non-refundable fee of P1,500.00 only from authorized representative with authorization from the owner/board.

d. Schedule of activities.

1.	Pre-Qualification	September 16, 2002
2.	Issuance of Bid Documents	September 23, 2002
3.	Pre-bidding conference	September 30, 2002
4.	Submission of pre-C and Bid Documents	October 14, 2002

e. SLSCST reserves the right to reject any or all bids, waive formally any defect herein and accept the offer most advantageous to the government.

For more information, please contact Dr. Valerio B. Cabalo, BAC Chairman or Mrs. Bernardita G. Lora, BAC Executive Officer and Secretary. Telephone number (053) 382-2003; 382-3294.

(SGD) LEONARDO L. MANALO
President

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Atty. MARCELINO G. BRAGADO, JR.

Deputy Registrar of Deeds - Province of Cavite

Died in the Grace of Our Lord on August 22, 2002
at the age of 37.

His loving father **CELIN**; sister **EVELYN**; brother-in-law **ROBERT**; his nephew **ROBERT, JR.**; nieces **SHIRLEY & MICHELLE IVY**; his faithful cousins **AURORA & IRENE**; his relatives and friends **TESS, CHERRY, GIGI, PIA, SYLVIA, FERDIE, RICKY, JEDE, ALEX, BONG, HOMER, JOEL** and **MIKE**; and most especially his loving girlfriend **EMMA**, request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains which lie in state at Nacional Memorial Homes, 264 G. Araneta Ave., Quezon City, will be transferred to Currimao, Ilocos Norte on Wednesday, August 28, 2002.

Masses will be held at Chapel 2B, Nacional Memorial Homes every evening from Saturday (August 24, 2002) to Tuesday (August 27, 2002) at 8:00 p.m. on Saturday; 10:00 p.m. on Sunday; 8:30 p.m. on Monday and 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, to be sponsored by San Beda College of Law Batch 90.

THE AUGUSTINIAN SISTERS
OF OUR LADY OF CONSOLATION

Announce the Death
of

SISTER CLEMENTINA DEL SOCORRO, OSA

on August 24, 2002 at the age of 83.

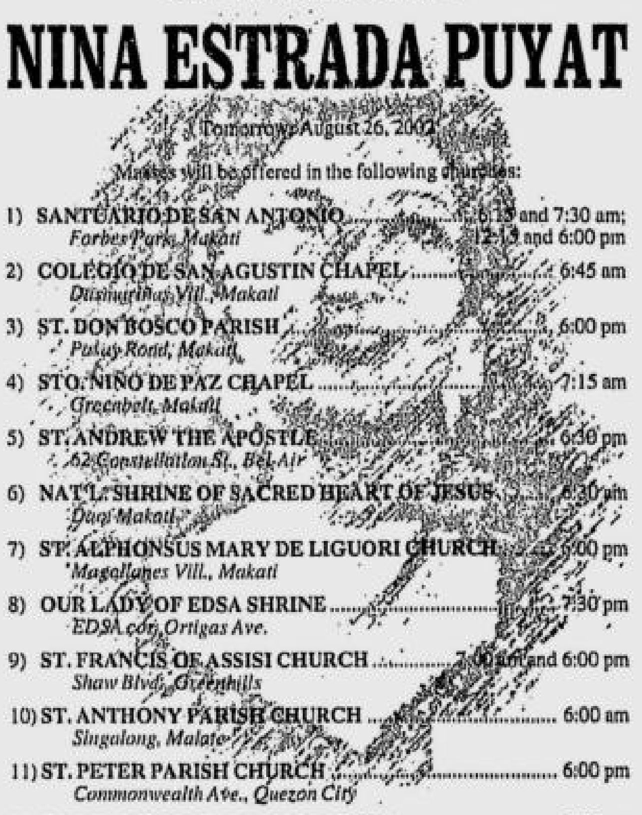
Funeral Mass will be on
Monday, August 26, 2002 at 8:00 AM
at the La Consolacion Convent Chapel
273 Santolan Road, San Juan, Metro Manila.

Interment will follow at the La Loma Cemetery
after the 8:00 AM Mass.

On the Occasion of the

8th Death Anniversary of

NINA ESTRADA PUYAT



Tomorrow, August 26, 2002

Masses will be offered in the following churches:

1) **SANTUARIO DE SAN ANTONIO** *Forbes Park, Makati*	6:15 and 7:30 am; 12:15 and 6:00 pm
2) **COLEGIO DE SAN AGUSTIN CHAPEL** *Dasmariñas Vill., Makati*	6:45 am
3) **ST. DON BOSCO PARISH** *Pasay Road, Makati*	6:00 pm
4) **STO. NIÑO DE PAZ CHAPEL** *Greenbelt, Makati*	7:15 am
5) **ST. ANDREW THE APOSTLE** *62 Constellation St., Bel-Air*	6:30 pm
6) **NAT'L. SHRINE OF SACRED HEART OF JESUS** *Dasi Makati*	6:30 pm
7) **ST. ALPHONSUS MARY DE LIGUORI CHURCH** *Magallanes Vill., Makati*	[illegible]:00 pm
8) **OUR LADY OF EDSA SHRINE** *EDSA cor. Ortigas Ave.*	7:30 pm
9) **ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH** *Shaw Blvd., Greenhills*	7:00 am and 6:00 pm
10) **ST. ANTHONY PARISH CHURCH** *Singalong, Malate*	6:00 am
11) **ST. PETER PARISH CHURCH** *Commonwealth Ave., Quezon City*	6:00 pm
12) **OUR LADY OF VICTORIES PARISH** *Dau, Mabalacat, Pampanga*	6:00 am
13) **CHRIST THE KING CHAPEL** *Greenmeadows, Quezon City*	6:30 am and 7:00 pm

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I have fought the good fight,
I have finished the race,
I have kept the faith.
2 Timothy 4:7

WB TEODORO LACASTE JESALVA

Mayon Lodge # 61 F&AM
Legazpi City

Peacefully joined our Lord on August 23, 2002
at the age of 93.

His children **Eden J. Kalingasan (Nene)**, **Teodoro Jr. (Nonoy)** and **Chita (Ching)**, grandchildren **Jing**, **Kokoy** and **Tintin**, **Woody** and **Ivy**, **Peachy** and **Mark**, **Chitchit**, **Bingbing** and **Linlin**, great-grandchildren **Jed**, **Kevin**, **Jazz**, **Billy**, **Kitkat**, **Kyla** and **Jan Mark** request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at the Nuestra Seniora de Salvacion Funeral Homes, Legazpi City.

Interment will be on Saturday, August 31, 2002 at the Albay Evangelical Cemetery after the necrological service at the Albay Evangelical Church at 1:30 PM.

"Eternal
life will
swallow up
that which
can die.
God made
us for this
very reason
and He
has given
us the
Spirit as a
guarantee
that we will
live again."
2 Corinthians 5:4-5

MESSAGE OF THANKS

The Family, Relatives and Friends of the late

AMADA TORRES PULLON

of San Francisco, CA, USA

who died on August 14, 2002 in the City of Makati

wish to convey their gratitude and appreciation for the prayers, condolences and offerings during the wake and interment of the deceased in the Philippines.

NAZARIO B. SANTOS

Peacefully joined his CREATOR on the 23rd day of August 2002
at the age of 73.

A committed husband to **Natividad Ulan Santos** (†)
His loving children
CECILIA and **Gil Vicente**
MENANDRO and **Rosalinda Santos**
MA. EDNA and **Nomer Tiburcio**
ELLEN MARIE and **Jovy Lat**
Grandchildren, relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at Loyola Memorial Chapels Guadalupe.

Interment will be on Tuesday, August 27, 2002 at the Loyola Memorial Park, Parañaque after the 8:00 am Mass at the Loyola Guadalupe Chapels.

Naty Crame Rogers, the family and dear friends,
announce the demise of

Col. (Ret.) Joe M. Rogers

Philippine Air Force (GSC)

He lies in state at the Don Bosco Chapels,
Arnaiz St. cor. Don Chino Roces Ave., Makati City.

Interment will be on Tuesday, 27th August 2002, 3:00 p.m.
at the Manila Memorial Park.

In Loving Memory

of

Victoria Sison Claudio

On her Fifth Death Anniversary
August 25, 2002

Holy Masses will be offered at the following churches:

St. Ignatius Village Parish, Quezon City	8:30 a.m.
Newman Center, George Washington University, Washington DC	11:00 a.m.
Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Valle Verde 5, Pasig	10:00 a.m.
Sacred Heart of Jesus Chaplaincy, Hillsborough, Muntinlupa City	10:00 a.m.
Mary the Queen Parish, Greenhills, San Juan	7:15 p.m.
St. James the Great Church, Ayala Alabang, Muntinlupa	6:00 p.m.
Christ the King Parish, Greenmeadows Ave., Quezon City	8:30 a.m.

Her family requests the pious readers to remember her in their prayers.

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In memory of the First Death Anniversary of

Enrique Rafael O. Lojo

(June 8, 1986 - August 26, 2001)

The parents **Rafael** and **Mary Grace Lojo**, sisters, **Sarah** and **Michelle**, and their relatives request friends to join them in prayers for the eternal repose of the soul of **Ricky**.

There will be a Special Mass at 7o'clock in the evening of August 26, 2002 at the Kawilihan Village Chapel, Kawilihan Village, Pasig City.

Mass intentions will be offered also on August 26, 2002, at the following churches:

Presentation of the Child Jesus Parish Church *BF Homes, Parañaque City*	6:00 am, 6:45 am, 7:00 pm
Immaculate Conception Parish Church *GSIS Village, Project 8, Q.C.*	6:00 am
San Antonio de Padua Parish Church *San Antonio Valley 1, Parañaque City*	6:00 am, 7:00 pm

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"My soul finds rest in God alone,
from Him comes my salvation"
Psalm 62:2

CYNTHIA CO CHUA

Now peacefully rests in the infinite Grace and Goodness of the Lord on the August 11, 2002 at the age of 42, in Los Angeles, California, USA.

Her loving family, relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for her eternal happiness in heaven.

Her remains lie in the state at St. Alphonsus Mary de Liguori Chapel, Magallanes Village, Makati City from August 25-28, 2002.

Interment will be on Wednesday, August 28, 2002 after the 8:00 A.M. Mass.

OUR SINCEREST THANKS

We, the bereaved family; wife **Carmencita N. de Guzman**; children and children-in-law **Meg** and **Francis**, **Toti** and **Anna**, **Carey** and **Henry**; grandchildren **Cheska** (†), **Niko**, **Jenina**, **Toby**, **Taby**, **Karen Kay**, **Niño**, **Patrick**, **Lyca** and **TJ** of the late

JUDGE PASTOR "TOTOY" V. DE GUZMAN JR.

(RET. RTC BR 60) UST LAW CLASS 51

Wish to express our heartfelt gratitude and sincerest thanks to all our relatives, neighbors and friends, who, in their countless ways condoled with us, offered prayers, gave donations in cash and kind, joined our vigil, attended the funeral rites and interment, and comforted us in our time of grief and sorrow.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO ALL and MAY GOD GRACIOUSLY BLESS
you in return for all your kindness and generosity.

Pest terminators pray before they spray

By Mei Magsino
PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

BATANGAS CITY—In less than four months since it was put up, Manolo Rosales' pest control business became a household name and most sought-after exterminator by most commercial and industrial establishments in the entire province.

Forty-year-old Rosales, who used to be marketing manager of the Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co.'s yellow pages, says studying the behavior of their client market and the characteristics of the pests that they exterminate proved to be a big plus in their pest control business.

"Before I decided to put up a Mapecon franchise in Batangas, I already knew that Batangueños always look for the term 'extra' in any service or product that they want. So we always give them their much sought-after extra service," Rosales says.

Even his office in Roxas Road, Barangay Kumintang, this city, which looks like a house, is testament to his business—not even an ant lives there.

Life after PLDT

A marketing graduate of the Philippine Christian University, Rosales spent 18 years working at PLDT. When the country's biggest telephone company reorganized in 1997, his new boss gave him a hard time.

"I realized that I had to go as the salary I was getting could not compare to the mounting pressure I was having. That time, I was the family's breadwinner. I have two sisters and eight brothers, and my own family depends on me," Rosales recalls.

In 1998, it was the perfect timing for him. "Because of the power struggle in the higher ranks, and politics in the office, I decided to resign rather than have a clash with my new boss." Rosales says

When he resigned, the company gave him all the benefits due him. That time, he already planned to go into business and had three options: pest control, restaurant, or laundry service.

He decided on the pest control business when he was passing time under an acacia tree in the compound of St. Paul Church in Makati.

"The idea just cropped up and I immediately decided I wanted to go into pest control business. My wife, Tina's uncle, also invested in that business and he was successful. I was inspired by the way he was able to develop his business," Rosales says.

A firm Catholic, his schedule then was office-church-home. He even served for one year as a commentator and lector at the Don Bosco Church.

Mapecon's religious beliefs and practices also appealed to him. Mapecon is an abbreviation that stands for "My Almighty's Plan to Exalt Christ Operates Now."

"Before I was able to get a franchise, I trained for one week at the Manila head office with my two brothers Jun and Joel," he says.

After the training, he and his partners started looking for the possible location of the business. They identified three options: Pampanga, Laguna and Batangas. But Pampanga was still flooded with lahar at that time, while Laguna had already a booming Mapecon franchise.

"We chose Batangas, because I was already exposed to the province since it was my area of responsibility when I was still at PLDT and I know the Batañgueño's attitude."

Fax brigade

When the three of them set up the business in Batangas City, Rosales immediately applied everything learned in marketing at PLDT.

ROSALES MEI MAGSINO

"First, I called all the telephone subscribers whose names appear in the phone directory. Then came the fax brigade. I faxed our proposal letters to all those who have fax numbers. Then came the billboards, which some of our competitors in the local scene continued to take off. But we replaced them right away. I really spent a lot of money in our marketing strategy," Rosales says.

Their first customer, an owner of several shoe stores in the city, was so impressed with their performance that she recommended Mapecon to her friends in the city.

"She saw my brother Joel distributing pamphlets in Caedo commercial complex and immediately hired us," Rosales says.

Since then, a steady flow of clients called, as word of mouth from all their customers proved to be a good strategy, too.

The struggle to conquer the Batangas clientele took them only three to four months, as referrals alone could get them more than three calls a day to houses from the province's west end of Nasugbu to San Juan town, the farthest municipality east of the province.

"We even reached Oriental Mindoro and now we are planning to put up a branch in Calapan City. Last March, we just opened our Lipa City branch," Rosales says.

When they started, there were just the three of them: Rosales and his two brothers. Now, they have more than 20 people and their profit has increased more than 2,000 times.

"Before we had no service car. Now we have four service vehicles and four motorcycles for our service technicians who need to inspect our clients' houses before making an evaluation of the pest manifestation," Rosales says.

Clients

Mapecon was established by Gonzalo Catan Jr., a Filipino scientist. Catan invented the public household insecticide that won the silver medal in the sanitation-ventilation-heating category in the 27th International Exhibition of Inventions in Geneva, Switzerland in 1999.

He was also a TOYM awardee and winner of the Masikap award in 1975.

In 1995, Tofil awarded Catan with the Outstanding Filipino award, and in 1998, he got the DOST Invention Commercialization award.

The 41-year-old company has now a total of 38 patented pest control products.

Today, Rosales' biggest clients include the JG Summit, Cocochem, Shell Refinery, Universal Robina Corp., La Tondeña, the city hall, houses of town mayors, Batangas City Mayor Eduardo Dimacuha, Lipa City Mayor Vilma Santos, universities, colleges, hospitals and fast-food chains.

"Where there are people, there are pests," Rosales says. "It's a fact of life that we have invested on. After a call, we offer them our 'serbilis' service."

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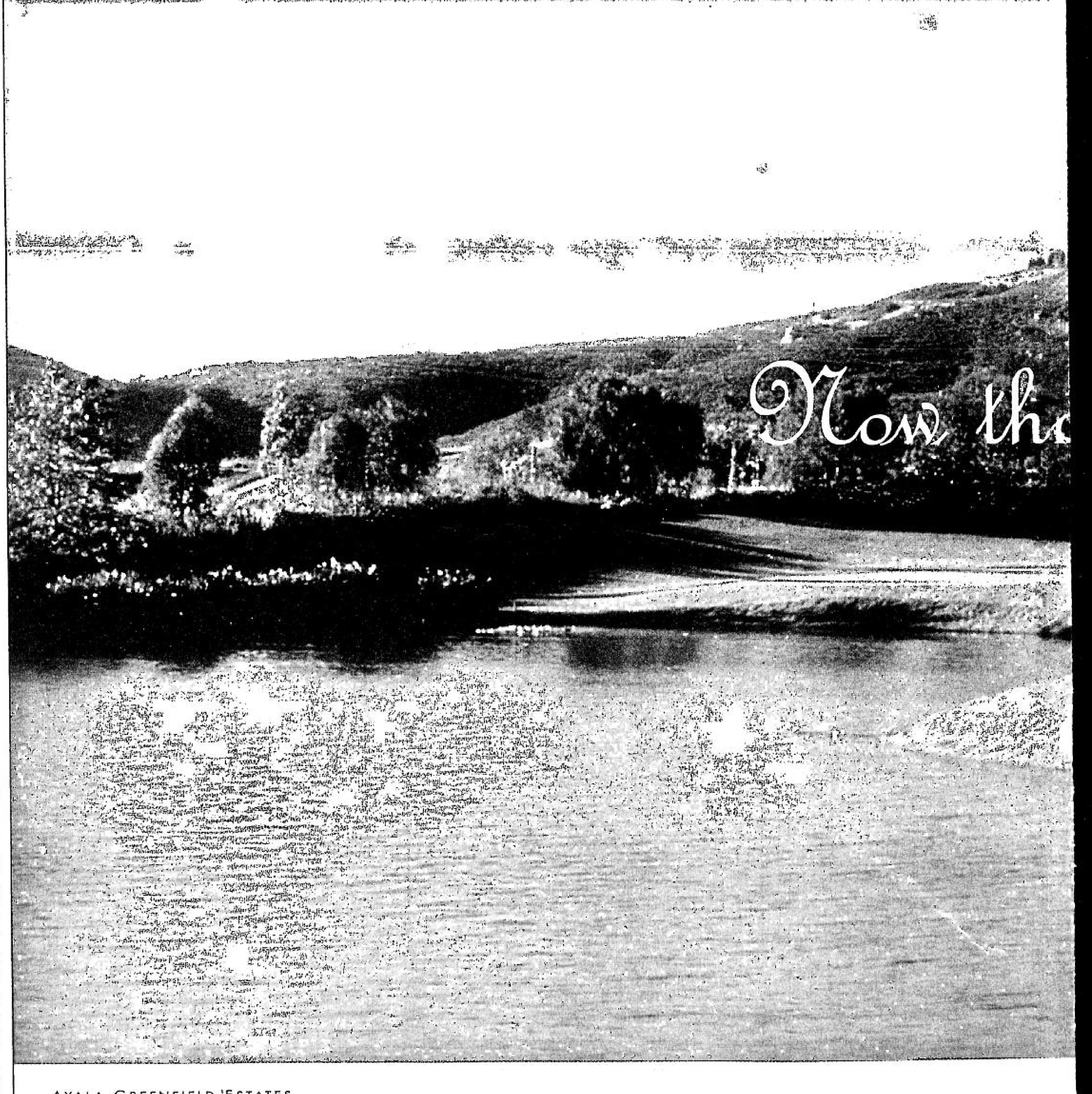

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4’ 10” senator’s son makes . . .

JOHNET Flavier clowns around his cozy, little eating place in John Hay which steadily attracts loyal customers.

From page B16

Putting his own food business in a city away from home was farthest from Johnet’s mind. This is very unlikely for a man who studied Hotel and Restaurant Administration at the University of the Philippines and a similar but short-term course in Switzerland.

Despite working for nine years in various restaurants and hotels in the country and abroad, the senator’s second son is reluctant to exercise his business acumen.

Although he admits that he loves to eat, he often tells his family and friends that he is “the last person to try to open a business.”

Johnet, who describes himself as a “free-spirit and very different” from his siblings, says he was scared at first to operate a restaurant that would consume much of his time and energy.

He, however, conquered his fear one day when he stayed in Baguio for a break. Burned out from his corporate job, Johnet packed up his bags and drove to the country’s summer capital to breathe fresh air and relax.

During his stay at Camp John Hay, he strolled around to look for a place to eat. To his surprise, he found only a handful of restaurants inside the former American reservation and which apparently catered mostly to the golfers and affluent vacationers.

He says the prices are just too high that ordinary citizens could not afford to eat in these restaurants.

With his passion for food and with sheer guts, he decided to venture into something closest to his stomach—a restaurant.

Before he knew it, he was asking John Hay officials’ permission to give him space for his food business. He shelled out P750,000 to renovate the existing structure and to buy furniture and equipment.

Taking his cue from the mantra of his mother, herself a businesswoman, that “a business will most likely succeed if it’s from borrowed money,” Johnet borrowed 75 percent of his capital from his parents and the rest came from his savings.

Through the help of newfound friends and local officials, he was able to hire eight Baguio residents and personally trained them on how to cook, serve the customers and run the restaurant.

Finally, on March 28, 2002, “Little John” was born.

Phenomenal success

Without advertising, Johnet opened the restaurant, which can accommodate only 35 people, during the Holy Week to cater to an influx of tourists vacationing at Camp John Hay.

Those who went to John Hay’s Commissary did not only drop by to dine at “Little John” but were also curious about the little guy who cooked and served for them. Among his recent guests were a group of celebrities who filmed a movie in Baguio.

Johnet describes his menu as a combination of European cuisine and his personal taste. He also got recipes from his friends and improved on them. Though preparing Filipino dishes is not his forte, he says he will learn to cook native dishes and will offer them soon.

He says he was initially worried about where to get quality seafood in Baguio. But this problem was solved as soon as he went to the Baguio public market and saw a wide array of fish products from Pangasinan sold at cheaper prices.

“Even vegetables here are abundant, fresh and very affordable. To my shock, some of the vegetables are expensive in Manila but are like grass here. I used to buy the ingredients myself until I trained someone to do the job for me,” he says.

The grass he is referring to is mint which is abundant in the city. In the city market, it costs as low as P10 per 50 grams.

The salmon, however, comes from Manila.

Johnet says that when customers like what they’ve ordered, they spread the news through word of mouth. For a small community like Baguio, the restaurant’s name spreads like wildfire.

"The people are the best medium for advertising. But they can also be dangerous. Spreading through word of mouth can either work for or against you. If a person is not satisfied with your food or service, you’re dead,” he stresses.

Come-ons

One of the come-ons at “Little John” is that the customers, especially the kids, can draw while waiting for their orders. There are several pieces of brown paper and crayons on each table that customers can freely use.

Johnet has collected more than 100 artworks, which consist of drawings on Baguio scenery and various sketches of “Little John.”

"Most of the drawings are really beautiful that I’m planning to have them framed and hung in the restaurant,” he says.

Since word of mouth works favorably for him, Johnet is exploring putting up “Little John” outlets in other areas. The idea, however, of expanding his food business cropped up only recently when people started asking him for a franchise.

A local tourist, for instance, approached him and wanted to put up a “Little John” in Boracay while others wanted their outlets in Metro Manila.

“It still escapes me why there is a phenomenal response to ‘Little John’ in Baguio. It must be the location, food, pricing, service or a combination of everything. I think I’m really blessed. I often wonder whether it would also be successful in other areas,” Johnet says.

He cannot offer a franchise to anyone this early, he says, adding that he has yet to perfect the art of marketing, food preparations and service. But in two years, he might give it a try.

For an entrepreneur who does not mind being called “little John” or the “senator’s son,” Johnet believes he can make it big in food business by learning the time-tested value of hard work and “service from the heart.”

But if his business grows, will he start calling it Big John?

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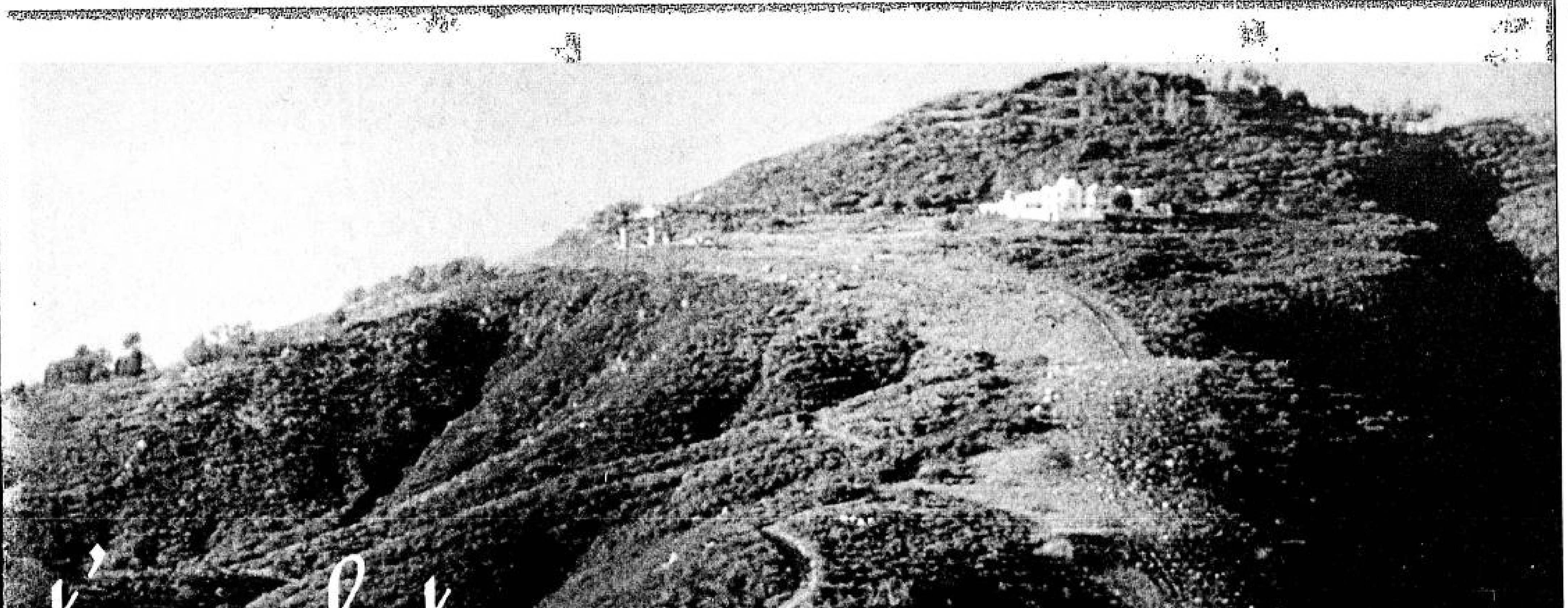

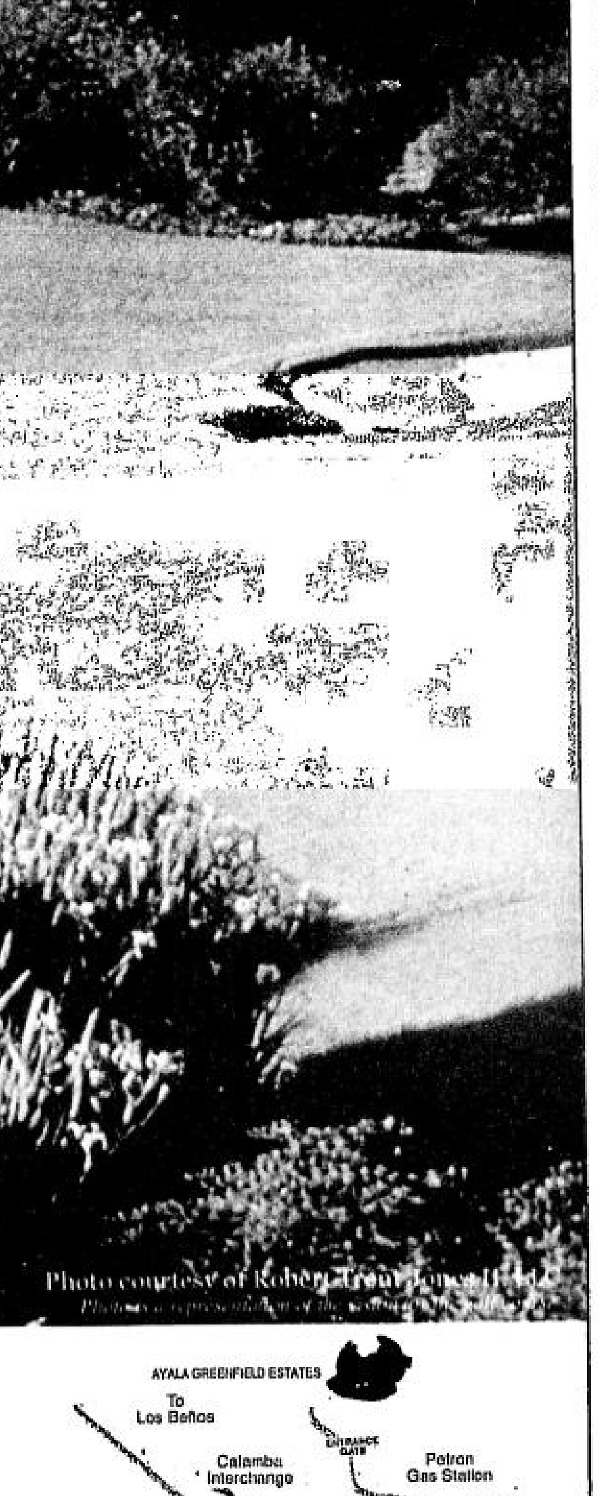

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4As Advertising Summit tackles hot issues

ADVERTISING is a booming industry that has remained resilient and thriving throughout the years. It has evolved into a more sophisticated industry, capable of catering to an ever-changing market, withstanding numerous obstacles and challenges.

At the Advertising Summit spearheaded by the Accredited Association of Advertising Agencies (4As) for its 25th Anniversary, the industry's luminaries and budding creative players will converge to take a deeper look at Philippine advertising and its different facets. This grand three-day event will be held from Aug. 29 to 31 at Westin Philippine Plaza.

The summit will kick off with the formal opening ceremonies, followed by a special tribute to the founder of 4As and the mavericks who upheld its pillars of growth and progress. For the succeeding days, 4As has lined up enriching discussions where participants can voice out their opinions and exchange points of view with other members of the creative field. To facilitate the sessions, 4As has assembled a roster of powerhouse panelists and resource speakers from renowned local advertising agencies and related industries.

Dr. Ned Roberto, a distinguished professor from the Asian Institute of Management, will commence the sessions with a lecture titled "Paano Mag-Account Planning Kung Wala Kang Account Planning at Account Planner?" He will delve into the rudiments of account planning and give tips on how to go about this important aspect utilizing current manpower resources. Dr. Roberto will illustrate how efficient account planning can be an agency's competitive edge.

Randy Aquino, Jimenez D'Arcy business unit director, will answer a crucial question – "How Sophisticated is the Filipino?" Here, Aquino will closely examine the Filipino psyche, hence unravel the factors that influence and shape Pinoys' values, sensibilities, character, and lifestyle. Understanding the Filipino consumer will aid practitioners in creating campaigns that are more effective and highly targeted.

Is the Filipino consumer ready for direct comparison advertising? This issue will be addressed by a group of resource speakers comprised of experts in research and advertising. Among them are Mercy Abad, NFO Trends president and general manager, Gi Gatchalian, Campaigns & Grey president and CEO, Vicky Ortega, Lowe Inc. VP-director for brand planning, and Robert Labayen, JWT managing partner. Lawyer Katrina Legarda will act as the moderator. Together, they will try to determine the maturity of the Filipino market as they analyze its behavior and response to highly competitive commercials. Learn the ramifications of direct comparison advertising and determine how it could benefit advertisers and consumers. The end hypotheses of this discussion will provide a glimpse of the industry's future.

Next, panelists Emily Abrera, McCann-Erickson Philippines chair and CEO, Amar Gambol, Electromedia president, David Guerrero, BBDO/Guerrero-Ortega chair and executive director, Randy David, ABS-CBN host for "Off the Record" and Howard Belton, Unilever Philippines chair and CEO, will tackle how advertising agencies can vie for international acclaim by capitalizing on one distinct quality – being Pinoy. Perhaps influenced by colonial mentality or global modernity, some advertisers still think that commercials with foreign style and appeal are the best bet to winning international advertising competitions. While this notion may be true, the discussion also aims to show that Pinoy-looking ads are at par with their foreign counterparts. After all, the best and most effective ad campaigns are those that reflect the Filipino consumers' values, culture and life. The resource speakers will be joined by Boy Abunda, Backroom Inc. managing director, as the session moderator.

Following this session is an interesting debate dubbed "Do We Follow the Consumers or Do We Lead the Consumers?" For this, the panelists are Evelyn Generoso, NFO Trends research director, Gold Tantoco, Bayer Philippines marketing manager, Carmencita Esteban, PSRC president, Kiko Gargantiel, Publicis AMA executive creative director, and Manolo Escueta, Unilab VP for corporate affairs. Acting as moderators are GMA Network's dynamic duo Oscar Orbos and Winnie Monsod. The debate will impart significant insights on the correlation of advertisers and consumers.

Relevant and controversial, the ensuing discussion is titled "Media Independents: Friend or Foe of the 4As?" The emergence of independent media strategists has caused quite a stir among advertising agencies. To neutralize any misconception, representatives from the involved parties will meet face-to-face in this discussion and elucidate the pros and cons of the media independents. Resource speakers include Venus Navalta, Universal McCann SVP and managing director, Minda Lansang, Mindshare chair, Tom Banguis, AB Communications president, Ernie Hernandez, Well Advertising president, Nonoy Gallardo, Gallardo and Associates president, and Rey David, Great Wall Advertising president and CEO. Acting as moderator for this discussion will be Paolo Bediones, TV host of the popular "Extra-Extra".

Capping the day's session is a talk dubbed "Is the Client-Agency Contract Still Sacred?" This topic will be facilitated by Charlyn Cabañero, One-Manila chair and CEO, Yoly Ong, Campaigns & Grey Group chair, Johnip Cua, Procter & Gamble president, and more. They will be joined by Mike Enriquez, GMA Network SVP for radio operations, as moderator.

In the evening, witness an inspiring showcase of Filipino creativity and ingenuity at the Agency of the Year Awards.

Informative and enriching discussions continue the next day, starting with the student's forum "The Ad Development Process" where aspiring ad practitioners will take center stage. Here, students can meet and interact with advertising stalwarts while learning the ABCs of the advertising process—client briefing, planning and strategy, 'ideation'/creation, production and direction, and media planning and implementation. Speakers include Menlou Bibonia, San Miguel Corp. VP and manager for corporate planning, Kiran Vaswani, J. Walter Thompson strategic planner, Merlee Jayme and Dino Ocampo from Ace Saatchi & Saatchi, Vitt Romero, commercial director, and Venus Navalta of Universal McCann. A glimpse to the future, the forum is a great opportunity for students to discern whether or not they are ready to tread advertising as a career path.

Following this is an interactive talk on the "Myths and Facts About Advertising". Explore the multi-faceted world of this industry through the experiences of ad honchos Don Bautista, Blue Bottle Inc. creative director, and Marlon Rivera, consultant of Publicis-AMA. Young ad practitioners, including students, are guaranteed to find this session engaging, where they can get helpful pointers in penetrating the creative business and surviving challenges.

The Advertising Summit culminates with the prestigious Pilak Awards. Witness a grand tribute to 25 classic commercials that have stood out among innumerable commercials and remained embedded in the memory and culture of viewers long after they hit the airwaves or conquered the print media. Pilak Awards will recognize the creative geniuses who created unforgettable taglines, timeless jingles and brilliant concepts. Through these commercial classics, Pilak Awards aims to inspire today's advertising players to create their own timeless advertising masterpieces.

Truly, the 4As Advertising Summit is a marvelous celebration fit for commemorating 25 years of advertising excellence. This is an event every advertising practitioner or marketing enthusiasts should not miss. For registration and inquiries, call the 4As Secretariat at 893-1205.

BITS Clips

'Manage your mind' seminar

CFS Continental Technology teaches you how to manage your mind to its fullest potentials in its "Mind Management" seminar on Aug. 28, 9 to 12 noon. Then, learn and apply the selling techniques module before, during, and after the sale in the "Counter Selling That Works" seminar also on Aug. 28, 1 to 5 p.m. Call 869-7960, 823-2358 or 823-4825 for details.

Build your team via the ropes

LA CORONA de Pagsanjan Resort is sponsoring the 3rd batch of the Ropes Course Facilitation Workshop for Trainers Aug. 28 and 29 at Kampo Pagsanjan, La Corona de Pagsanjan Resort. More and more corporate trainers ore into outdoor and physical team-building. The 2.5-hectare Ropes Challenge Course at Kampo Pagsanjan inside the 4.5-hectare resort of La Corona is a most sought-after venue for ropes activities. Interested parties can call the sales and marketing office at 524-2631 and look for Vangie Baraquiel.

LSGH ARCHERS 83 FOUNDATION SHOWS 'THE BOURNE IDENTITY'

The LSGH Archers 83 Foundation Inc. will be having the advanced screening of the film 'The Bourne Identity' on Aug. 31 at the SM Megamall, Cinema 4. In full support of this event is the 4-C Class of La Salle Greenhills Batch 1983. Shown at the Rockwell Club are (from left) Chiqui Morato, Bee Gee Gonzales, Albert Altura, Ronnie Rodrigo, Kirk Arambulo, Vincent Tanjutco and Roy Pena. This event is also sponsored by Coke Light, Bayo, Infocom, Seair, Informatics Megamall, Brother's Burger, M. Lhuillier, Toyota Motor Philippines Corp., RCBC and Rogin E.

A TEMPTATION YOU CAN'T MISS

A night of 'wrath-ful' partying on July 17 had partygoers tempted by Diablo and his centurion-clad minions till the wee hours of the morning at 78Orange. Watch out for Diablo and his delectable minions as they offer more of Allied Domecq's newest tempting sprit Diablo in the most happening bars in the metro. Avarice happened in Gwellos Aug. 9, Envy in Acquario Aug. 16. Pride caps off the tour with a grand finish at Wherelse Aug. 30. Shown having a tempestuous time at Orange is newscaster Ricky Kwek with a friend.

Widow wins P1 million in PSBank's Megamillion Challenge

"*KALOOB ito ng Diyos kaya tinatanggap ko.*" While wiping tears of joy from her eyes, these were the words uttered by PSBank's first winner of the monthly top prize in the Megamillion Challenge raffle promo, as she was being congratulated by PSBank president Pascual M. Garcia III during the awarding rites Aug. 20.

Rosalina Agapito, 60, a widow, has been a client of PSBank since it opened in 1960 at Plaza Miranda branch, which also served as the bank's first head office. She only had two raffle numbers, and as fate would have it, one of these numbers served as a ticket to her first million.

Aling Lina retired from work as a seamstress in a garment factory in 1997, and currently lives on her SSS pension. She resides in an 11 sq. m., two-story house, which she was able to build from her meager income during her 30-year employment.

Asked what she intended to do with her prize, she said the immediate beneficiaries would be her two children (a son and a daughter) who are both college graduates. An active member of El Shaddai, she promises to donate a sound system to the group and she wants to share her blessings with other relatives as well.

She thanked PSBank whom she said "was used as an instrument by God to provide this unbelievable good fortune to her and her family."

Aling Lina's wheel of fortune may not stop with her first win. She has four other chances to win P1 million on these draw dates: Sept. 6, Oct. 11, Nov. 8, Dec. 6. Or perhaps she could win P3 million during the grand draw on Jan. 10, 2003.

Like Aling Lina, all existing and new depositors have a chance to win the top prize of P1 million in cash, tax-free each month and a grand prize of P3 million in cash, tax-free, or as much as P8 million. Depositors who maintain an average daily balance of P10,000 or US$500 each month qualifies for one raffle number.

The promo runs until the close of banking hours on Dec. 31 and is valid in all areas nationwide served by PSBank's 103 branches.

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PSBANK president Pascual M. Garcia III hands over the P1 million check to the Megamillion Challenge winner Rosalina Agapito. Looking on are (from left) marketing and communications group head FVP Cynthia M. Joson-Gruet and branch marketing group head FVP Jimi L. Araneta.

Product FILES

Innovative roll-on

REXONA introduces the new Easy Swipe roll-on that comes in an unbreakable plastic bottle. Designed specifically for roll-on users, the new product sports a 50-percent bigger ball for wider and better coverage. It is also lighter to hold and ergonomically shaped for a better grip. Its new shape remains a visual, fun treat for roll-on users across the country.

Available in six refillable varians—Active, Ice Cool and Sport for men and Confidence, Floral Blossom and Cotton Fresh for women—the new Rexona Easy Swipe contains the same active ingredient deosteral max which doesn't just mask odor but eliminates odor-causing germs. Rexona is a quality product of Unilever Philippines.

ROCHE DONATES ANTI-VIRAL MEDICINE

Roche Phils. Inc. recently turned over boxes of Tamiflu, an anti-viral medicine for influenza, to the Municipality of Malabon for its flood-stricken elderly residents and those with chronic illnesses. For the elderly, those aged 50 years and over, and patients with chronic illnesses, a bout of influenza infection increases the risk of developing deadly complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia. Chronic illnesses such as cardiovascular diseases, asthma, emphysema, diabetes and cancer can put the patients' life at risk due to influenza complications. For these groups of patients, it is advised that they should see a doctor within 48 hours from the onset of influenza symptoms. Receiving the donation in behalf of the municipality is Dr. Isauro N. Garcia, assistant city health officer of Malabon.

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PHILIPPINE DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

NOTICE TO DEPOSITORS OF THE CLOSED ALL ASIABANK CORPORATION - YOUR COMMUNITY THRIFT BANK

The Philippine Deposit Insurance Corporation (PDIC) will start its operations for the servicing of claims for insured deposits in the closed **All AsiaBank Corporation – Your Community Thrift Bank on August 27, 2002.**

Depositors are advised to proceed to designated payoff sites on dates indicated below, to file their claims for insured deposits. Claim forms will be issued free of charge. PDIC representatives shall service claims and entertain queries of depositors during office hours, Monday to Friday, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

Also, PDIC has designated Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP) as its paying agent for the four (4) banking units of All AsiaBank Corporation – Your Community Thrift Bank (AABC). Numbers of approved claims filed with AABC - Digos, Tagum, Koronadal and General Santos City Branches that have been turned over by PDIC representatives to the LBP Servicing Branch shall be posted at the payoff site. Depositors are therefore requested to refer to these posters before proceeding to the LBP servicing branch for payment of claims. Duly processed claims in AABC-San Pedro, Head Office and Buhangin Branch shall be paid by PDIC Disbursing Officers.

Servicing Dates	Payoff Site	AABC Office/ Branch	LBP Servicing Branch
August 27, 2002 to September 24, 2002	AABC – San Pedro Head Office San Pedro Street, Davao City	San Pedro, *Head Office*	-
August 27, 2002 to September 17, 2002	AABC – Digos Branch Rizal Avenue, Digos Davao del Sur	Digos Branch	LBP - Digos
	AABC – Tagum Branch Pagsabangan Pioneer Avenue Tagum City, Davao del Norte	Tagum Branch	LBP - Tagum
	AABC – Koronadal Branch Alunan Avenue, Koronadal South Cotabato	Koronadal Branch	LBP - Koronadal (Morales)
August 27, 2002 to September 13, 2002	AABC – General Santos City Branch General Santos City South Cotabato	General Santos City Branch	LBP - General Santos (Hi-way)
	AABC – Buhangin Branch Km. 6 corner Carnation Street Diversion Road, Davao City	Buhangin Branch	-

After the said dates, all depositors can file their claims personally at the PDIC office from Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., or by mail addressed to –

The Manager
Claims Processing Department
Philippine Deposit Insurance Corporation
2228 Chino Roces Avenue, 1231 Makati City

Depositors are advised to present the following requirements to the PDIC representatives when filing their claims for insured deposits:

a. Original evidence of deposit such as Savings Passbook, Certificate of Time Deposit; ATM Card and/or Latest Bank Statement and Unused Checkbooks; and
b. Two (2) latest identification cards/documents (IDs) bearing the depositor's specimen signature.

Other documents may be required by the PDIC representatives in the course of their processing of claims filed.

Pursuant to the provisions of R.A. 3591 as amended by R.A. 7400, the prescriptive date (last day) for filing of claims for insured deposits in the closed **All AsiaBank Corp. – Your Community Thrift Bank, Inc.** is on **January 24, 2004.** After **January 24, 2004**, PDIC as insurer, shall no longer accept any claim for insured deposits maintained with the said closed bank.

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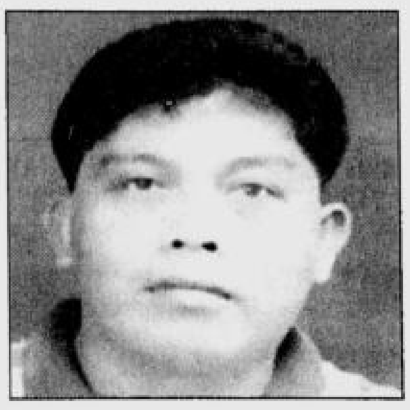

ROMEO D. DIAPERA

Notice is hereby given to the public that **MR. ROMEO D. DIAPERA,** whose picture appears hereinabove with the last known address at Lot 10, Block 13, Imperial V Guzman Street, Mandurriao, Iloilo City, has outstanding Warrants of Arrest issued by the Iloilo Regional Trial Court, 6th Judicial Region, in the seven (7) pending cases of ESTAFA THRU FALSIFICATION OF COMMERCIAL DOCUMENTS, entitled "People of the Philippines vs. Romeo Diapera, Criminal Case Nos. 55968-69, 55970-74.

Any person who may have information as to his whereabouts, please contact:
ATTY. SANTIAGO A. POLIDO of ALASKA MILK CORPORATION (Makati) at 8404500 or ATTY. HANS SAYNO of POSECION, SINDICO & SAYNO LAW OFFICES (Iloilo City) at 033-3378995.

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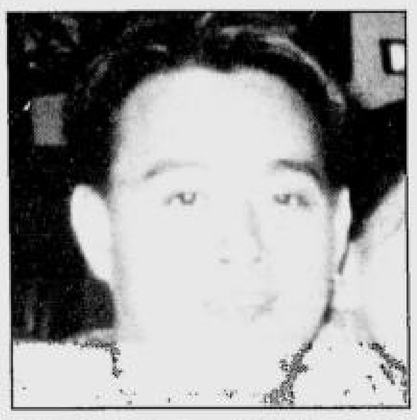

FELICITO S. AGUILLON

We inform all our valued customers and clients that **MR. FELICITO "Philip" S. AGUILLON,** a promodizer of Athletes Gym and Dive (FILA Boutique), has been terminated for serious offense and is no longer connected with the Company.

Any representation/transaction made by MR. AGUILLON in behalf of Athletes Gym and Dive shall be considered null and void.

THE MANAGEMENT

(PDI -- Aug. 25, 2002)

Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas

MAYNILA, PILIPINAS

PREQUALIFICATION, BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE

INVITATION FOR PREQUALIFICATION

Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) invites interested general building contractors currently with Philippine Contractors Accreditation Board (PCAB) License to apply for pre-qualification and if later found qualified, to bid for the project described below:

Project Title : Proposed Renovation and Repair of BSP Gym at the Five Storey Building BSP Main Complex
Scope of Work : Furnishing of all materials, labor, tools, equipment, technical supervision and other services and performing all operations necessary for the completion of the proposed renovation works for the existing gym / BSP Recreation Center all in accordance with the plans and specifications and subject to the terms and conditions of the contract.
Project Location : A. Mabini cor. P. Ocampo Streets, Manila
Approved Budget : Pesos Five Million Eight Hundred Eleven Thousand Only (P5,811,000.00)
Source of Funding : Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas
Minimum Requirement (Criteria)
PCAB License : at least "B"
Contractor's Construction Experience : Should have completed within the last seven (7) years (1995 to present) at least one (1) project requiring construction / renovation of gym or similar structure preferably aerobic, recreation or fitness center costing not less than six million pesos. The contractor's project manager should be a registered architect or civil engineer with at least three (3) years experience in construction particularly with projects of similar nature
Certification of Satisfactory Performance : Should be able to submit notarized affidavits of Satisfactory Performance in the prescribed form to be issued by BSP for the declared completed similar project
Net Financial Contracting Capacity computed as *10 x (Current Asset less Current Liabilities) minus (Value of all on-going contracts including awarded yet to be started)* : at least Five Million Eight Hundred Eleven Thousand Pesos (P5,811,000.00)
Credit Line / Cash Deposit Certificate Req't : Pesos Five Hundred Eight One Thousand One Hundred (P581,100.00)
Prequalification Statement forms
Cost of Forms : Two Hundred Pesos per set (P 200.00/set)
Date and Time of Issuance : August 26 to September 03, 2002 / 9:30 am to 12:00 nn & 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm
Place of Issuance and Submission of Accomplished Prequalification Statement /Documents : PBAC Secretariat Rm 204 (Tel No. 524-7011 loc 3143) 2nd Floor - Five Storey Building BSP Complex A. Mabini corner P. Ocampo (former V. Cruz) Streets, Manila
Deadline of Submission : September 5, 2002 4:30 PM
Notice of Prequalification / Predisqualification
Date and Time of Issuance : September 11, 2002/9:30 am to 12:00 nn & 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm
Place of Issuance : PBAC Secretariat Rm 204
Bid / Tender Documents : Shall be issued only to prequalified contractors upon payment of the non-refundable cost of the documents.
Cost of Documents / Place of Issuance : Two Thousand Pesos per set (P 2,000.00/set) PBAC Secretariat Rm 204
Date and Time of Issuance : September 11 to 12, 2002 / 9:30 am to 12:00 nn & 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm
Pre-bid Conference
Date and Time : September 16, 2002 10:00 AM
Venue : BMD Conference Room / 2nd Floor - Five Storey Building BSP Complex
Submission and Opening of Bids
Deadline/Venue of Submission : September 30, 2002 / 9:00 am to 10:00 am / PBAC Secretariat Room 204

Date, Time and Venue of Issuance of Bid Documents, Pre-Bid Conference and Deadline of Submission/Opening of Bids shall be confirmed in the Notice of Prequalification.

For inquiries, please call PBAC Secretariat - telephone no. 524-7011 local 3143.

Schedule for issuance of notice of prequalification/predisqualification up to deadline of submission of bids may be subject to change.

Guidelines stipulated in the provisions of Executive Order No. 40 & its implementing Rules and Regulations shall apply relative to the bidding & award of contract while the provisions of PD 1594 & its Implementing Rules and Regulations, as amended shall govern during project implementation.

BSP reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids or parts thereof, to waive any defect or formality therein, or accept such bid or award any part thereof to any contractor/s whose bid/s is/are evaluated to be most advantageous to BSP. Furthermore, BSP is not obligated to compensate/indemnify the contractor for any expenses or loss that may be incurred in the preparation of bids nor does it guarantee that an award of contract will be made.

(Sgd.) Marcos J. Siongco, Jr.
Chairman

(PDI--Aug. 25 & Sept. 2, 2002)

Department of Health
RESEARCH INSTITUTE FOR TROPICAL MEDICINE

Filinvest Corporate City, Alabang, Muntinlupa City
Tel. Nos. 807-26-28 to 32 Fax No. 842-22-45

INVITATION TO PRE-QUALIFY AND BID

The Research Institute for Tropical Medicine (RITM) hereby invites sealed bids for the supply and delivery of at least 100 liters per month of Rabies Equine-Derived Hyperimmune Plasma for the production of Equine Rabis Immunoglobulin (ERIG) with specifications as follows:

- must have a neutralizing antibody titer of at least 180 i.u. by RFFIT (rapid fluorescent focus inhibition test) assay
- must be negative for EIA (Equine Infectious Anemia) virus
- free of contaminants (aseptic collection and storage of plasma must comply with GLP according to RITM standards)
- facility subject to inspection
- preference for local production (for supply sustainability and vaccine self-sufficiency)

Only responsible and duly accredited suppliers, manufacturers and/or exclusive distributors of Rabis Equine-Derived Hyperimmune Plasma are qualified to participate upon presentation of the following:

1. DTI Business Name or SEC Registration w/ Article of Incorporation
2. License to Operate
3. Business Permit
4. Mayor's Permit
5. BIR Value Added Tax Registration
6. Audited Financial Statements stamped "received" by the BIR for the past two calendar year

Submission of the said documents and issuance of bid documents for qualified bidders will be at the Supply Department on **September 9, 2002**, upon payment of non-refundable fee of P100.00 (One Hundred Peso) for the proposal forms.

A Pre-bid Conference will be held on **September 16, 2002** at 2:00 p.m. at the Training Center of RITM.

Only Pre-qualified Bidders shall be allowed to attend the Pre-bid Conference. Attendance to the Pre-bid conference is a must and failure to show up shall be deemed to have waived his right to participate.

Submission of sealed bid documents will be on **September 20, 2002** at 2:00 p.m. at the Training Center of RITM.

Sealed bids must be submitted on the schedule day of bid opening accompanied by bid security in the amount equivalent to two and a half percent (2.5%) of the total bid price. The bid security maybe in the form of cash, Cashier's or Manager's check, bank draft or guarantee against any reputable bank, letter of credit issued by a commercial bank, surety bond callable on demand issued by a surety or insurance company accredited by the Office of the Insurance Commissioner or any combination thereof. Interested bidders are requested to present personally or through their authorized representatives their proposals. Letters of authority to represent and sign documents must be properly notarized.

RITM reserves the right to reject any or all bids to waive any defect or informality therein and to accept the bid most advantageous to the Institute.

(Sgd.) **SALVACION R. GATCHALIAN, M.D.**
Chairman, Bids & Awards Committee

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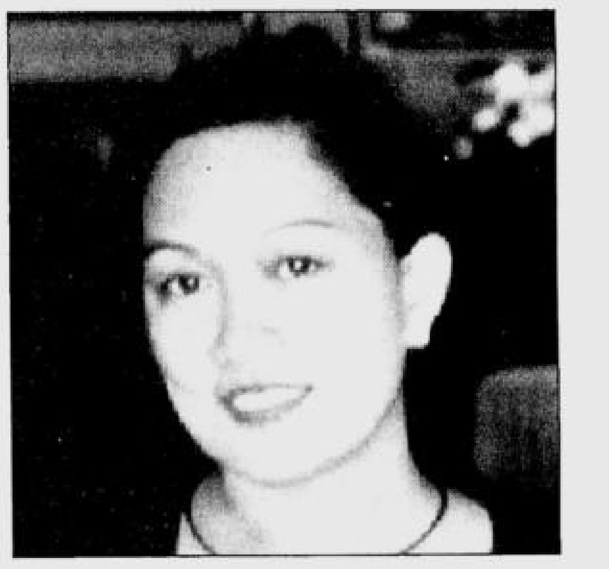

NENITA AGUILAR BOLA a.k.a. NENITA BOLA LECAROZ

Resident of:

LABO, CAMARINES NORTE

SAN JUAN, BATANGAS

This is to inform the public that **NENITA AGUILAR BOLA a.k.a. NENITA BOLA LECAROZ** has a pending **Criminal Cases for Estafa (SWINDLING)** Article 315 (1) (B) of the Revised Penal Code, in the total amount P22,182,710.00, before the City Prosecution Office at Makati under I.S. No. 8496 8506 and another **Estafa (Swindling) Case** before the Office of the Provincial Prosecutor, San Juan, Metro Manila under I.S. No. 02-06023.

The public is warned that she is no longer connected with E.J. Tallado Construction Marketing and General Services and not to transact any business with **Nenita Aguilar Bola a.k.a. Nenita Bola Lecaroz** involving pieces of expensive jewelries and Rolex watches when she failed and refused to return such jewelry and watches items and/or the proceeds of its sale giving rise to the presumption that she misappropriated, misapplied and converted to her own personal use the above-mentioned jewelries.

All parties are sternly warned not to transact business with **Nenita Aguilar Bola a.k.a. Nenita Bola Lecaroz** and should report all transactions to:

JOSEFINA B. TALLADO

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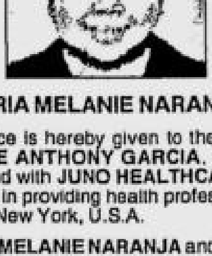

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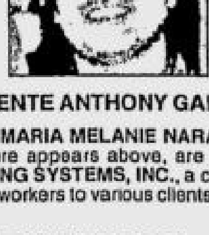

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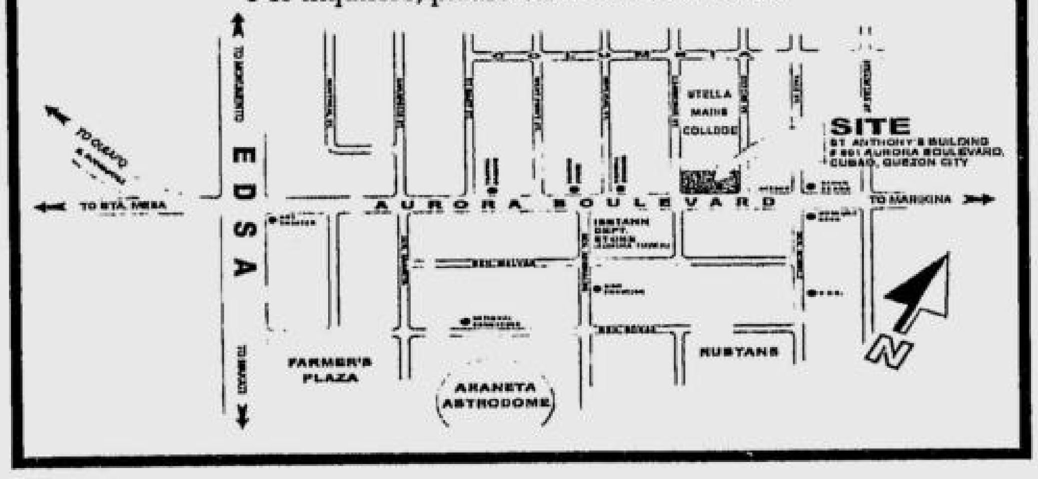

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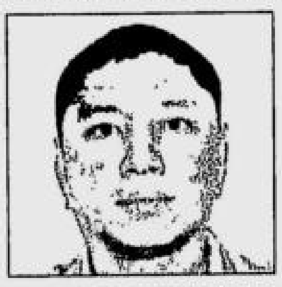

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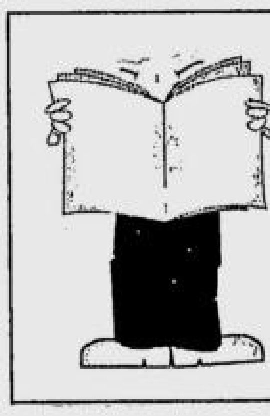

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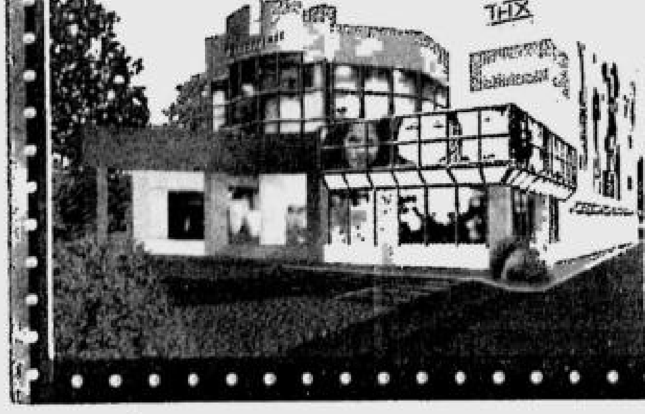

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Barrettos vs Bulgar

By Marinel R. Cruz

BARRETTO

"I AM aware that I am a public figure so I absorbed all the pain and humiliation all by myself. But when the false story about my dad came out, I told myself, 'ibang usapan na yan.'"

"My dad is not a show biz personality like myself, and he is not a smuggler."

Claudine Barretto was speaking in a press statement after her family last Wednesday filed libel charges against the publisher, the news editor and a writer of a tabloid for publishing allegedly malicious articles about her father, Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority board of director Miguel Barretto.

The Barrettos, led by the SBMA official himself, filed the P20-million libel suit against the Bulgar publisher, news editor Nats Taboy, and writer Ed Bausa.

The Barettos personally affirmed their sworn statements at the Quezon City Prosecutor's Office, according to their lawyer, Ellen Veza.

Claudine's elder sisters Gretchen and Marjorie said the inclusion of Claudine's picture on the front page of the paper was "totally unnecessary and clearly intended only to boost sales for the paper," the Barretto statement said.

They said Claudine is not involved in the alleged incident so the inclusion of her picture was "obviously meant to insult and injure us."

According to case records, Bulgar published a July 24 front page story headlined, "Tatay ni Claudine buking sa smuggling."

Bausa said in the article that the father of Gretchen, Marjorie and Claudine, whom it erroneously identified as "Eduardo Barretto," owned the alleged smuggled items consisting of two units 1992 Dodge cars, a Honda motorcycle and some household and personal.

Lawyer Veza said the Barrettos were deeply troubled by the article depicting their father as a public official engaged in influence peddling and smuggling.

The lawyer said that most telling of the tabloid's malice and bad faith is the inclusion of Claudine's photo in the story.

In the press statement, Claudine said the tabloid had been writing about her in the most negative way since the March 29, 2001 death of her former boyfriend Rico Yan.

News editor Taboy last Thursday said the paper had not received any notice about the libel case.

He said Bulgar was not prompted by ill will when it published the July 24 article. The paper even ran a clarification story the following day, he said.

"The (clarification) article stated that Eduardo is not Claudine's father but is the brother of his father Miguel," Taboy told the INQUIRER.

Nonoy Zuñiga in 'Beauty Plus'

DISCOVER the other side of balladeer Nonoy Zuñiga as he guests on "Beauty Plus," 11 a.m. today on RPN 9.

Host Grace Gupana interviews Dr. Zuñiga who specializes in dermatology in the segment "Beauty and Business."

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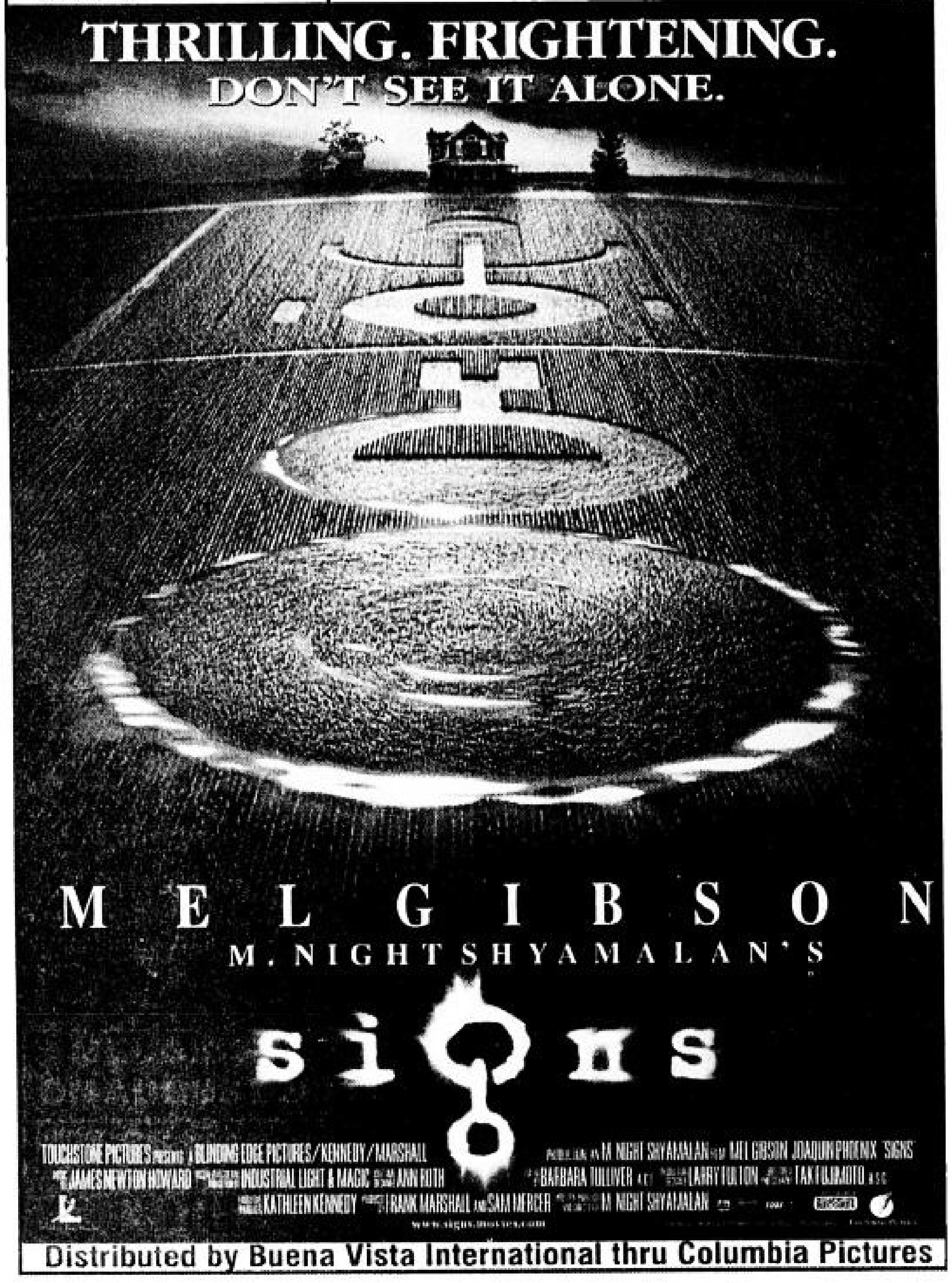
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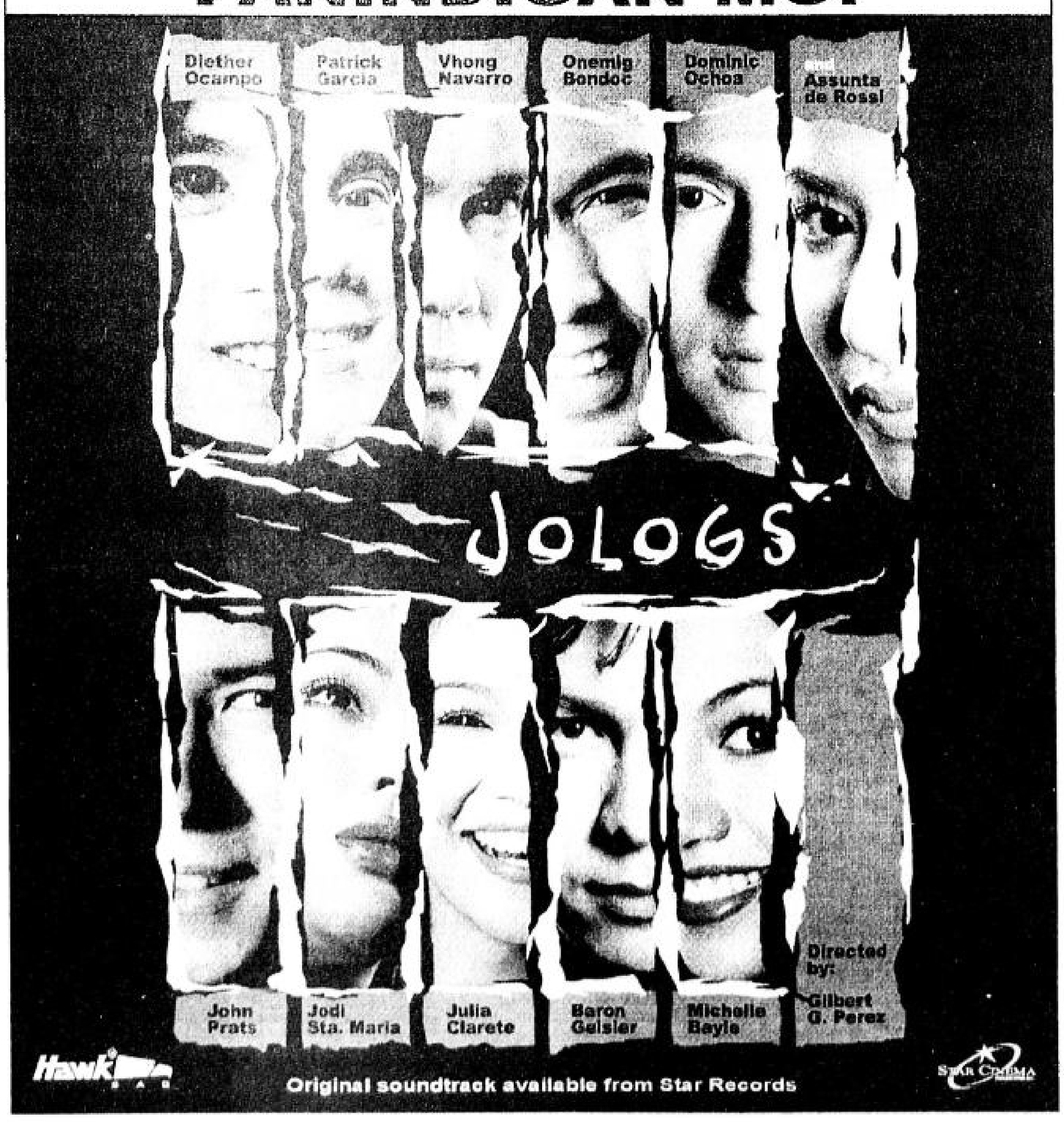
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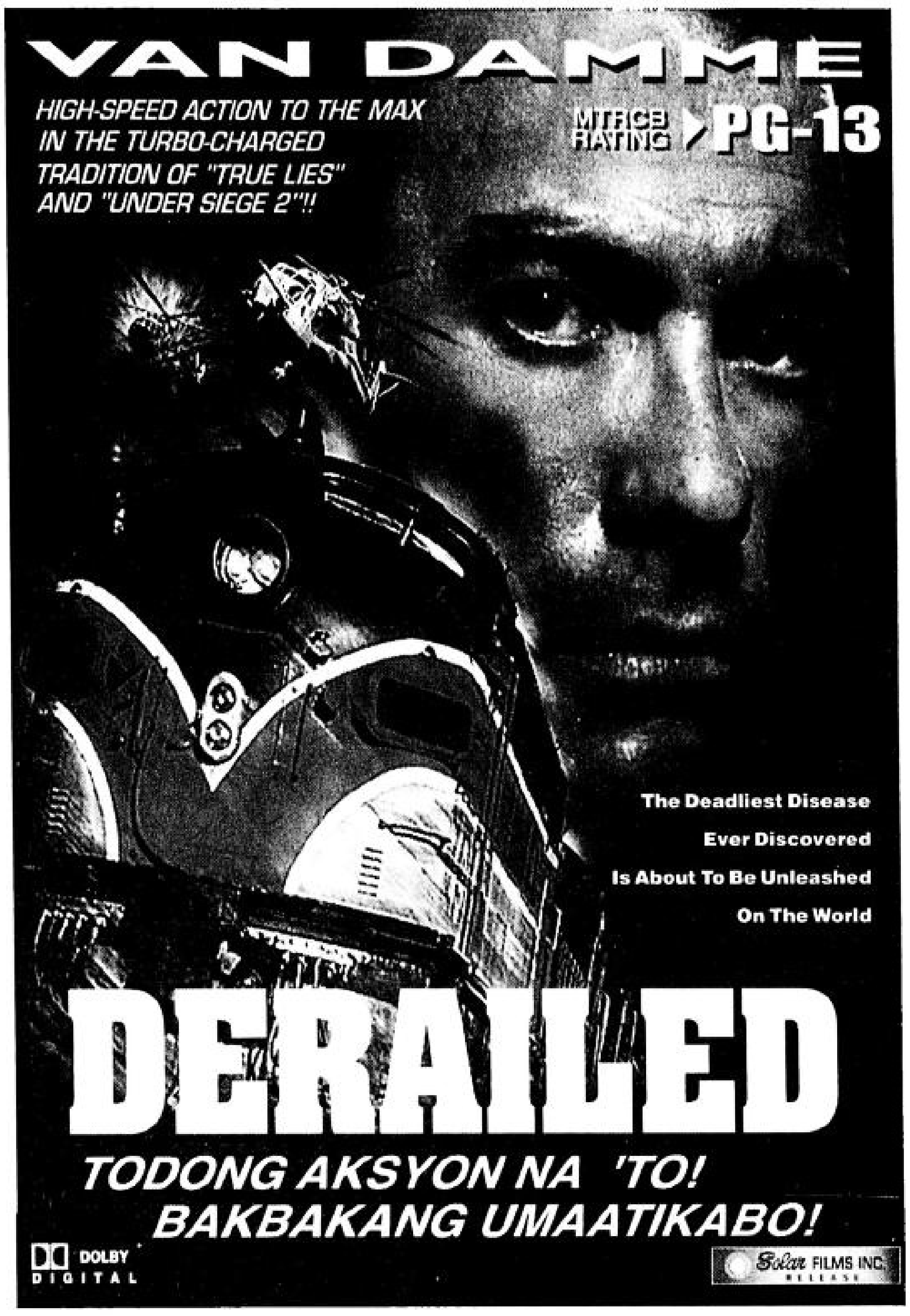
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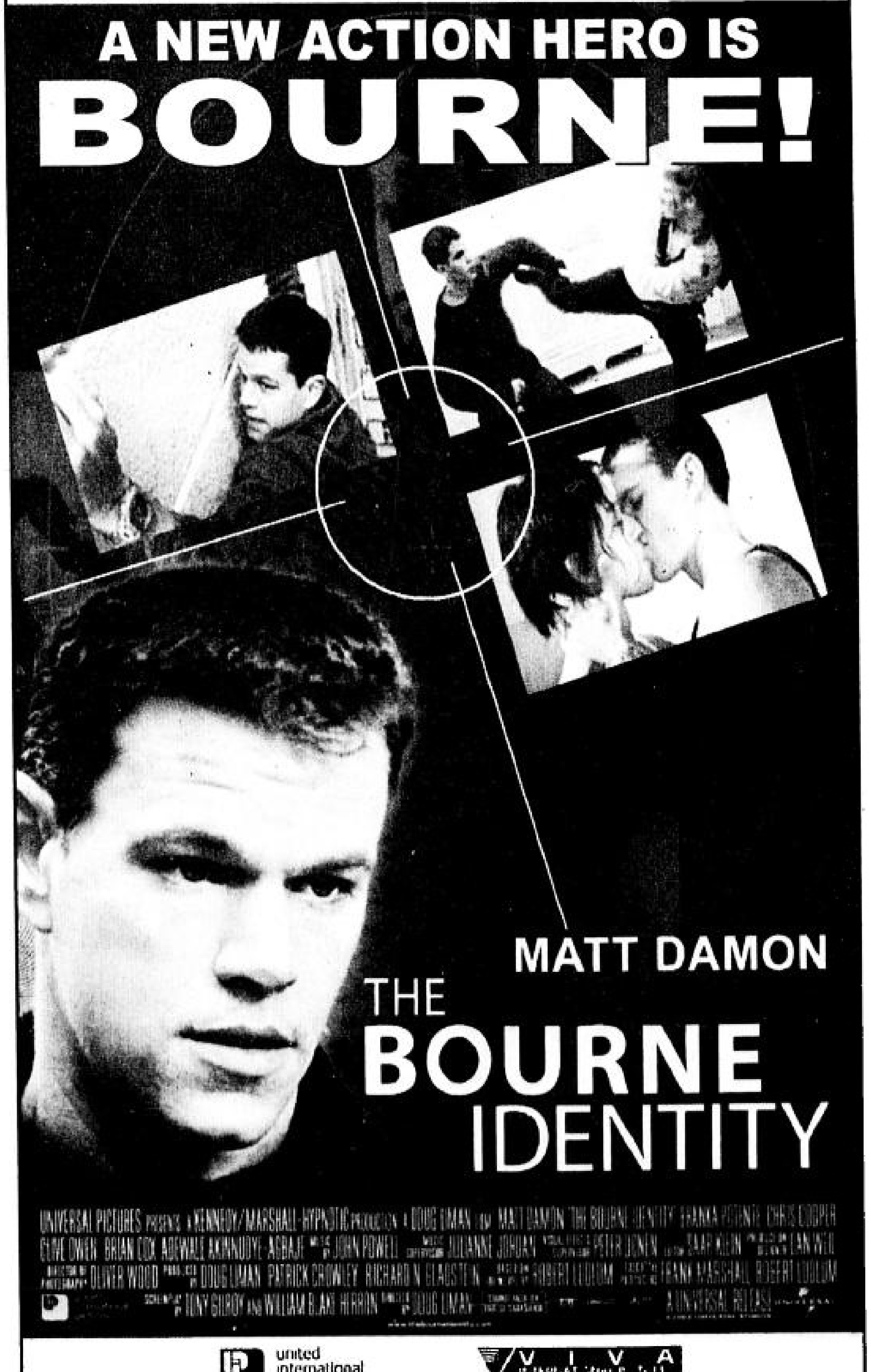
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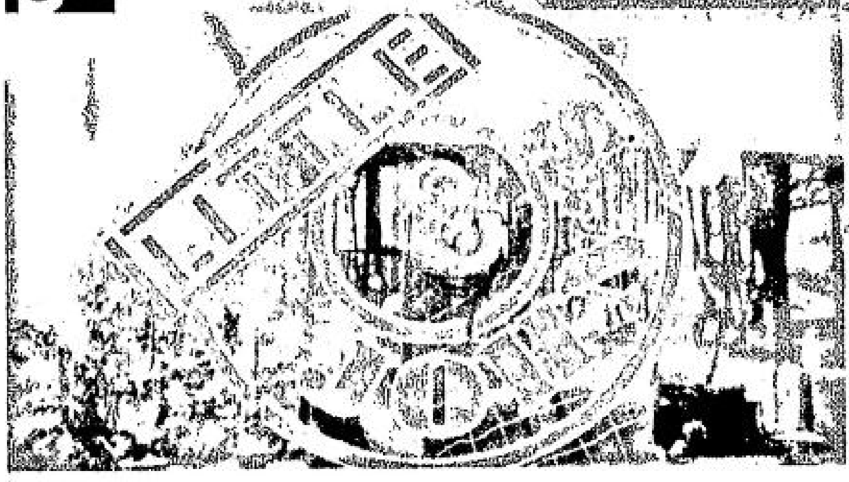

4'10" senator's son makes big splash with a little resto

By Gobleth Moulic
PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

BAGUIO CITY—There is a cozy, little eating place at the heart of the spacious Camp John Hay which is fast becoming the favorite hangout of the country's senators. Thanks to the proprietor's small yet respectable doctor-father—Sen. Juan Flavier—who uses his charm, wit and sense of humor to promote the restaurant of his son.

Banking on his height, name, and intensive training in hotel and restaurant management, the senator's son opened his first restaurant and aptly called it "Little John."

Standing at 4 feet and 10 inches—an inch shorter than his father—Juanito Flavier, 39, simply smiles and waves a hand whenever adults and kids alike call him "Little John."

Juanito or Johnet, as he is fondly called, does not take offense about his diminutive height though. In fact, it becomes more of an asset than a liability.

"I don't mind being called Little John. It's obviously true," he quips as he greets his customers from Manila and other places.

Barely a month after he launched his restaurant in March this year, some senators who came to this mountain resort city dined at Little John after Flavier heavily advertised it in the Senate.

RECYCLED papers offer kids an activity mat. PHOTOS BY EV ESPIRITU

"My father has helped me a lot in this business. He must have been very proud of me that he never fails to tell his colleagues in the Senate to dine in my restaurant," Johnet, who grew up in Manila, says.

Last summer, Sen. Loren Legarda-Leviste savored the chicken salad. Sen. Manuel Villar and his wife relished the chunky chili soup while former Sen. Ernesto Maceda enjoyed the tender baby back ribs.

Johnet says his father keeps on coming back whenever he has an official engagement here to try other dishes. But he says the senator loves tapa for breakfast.

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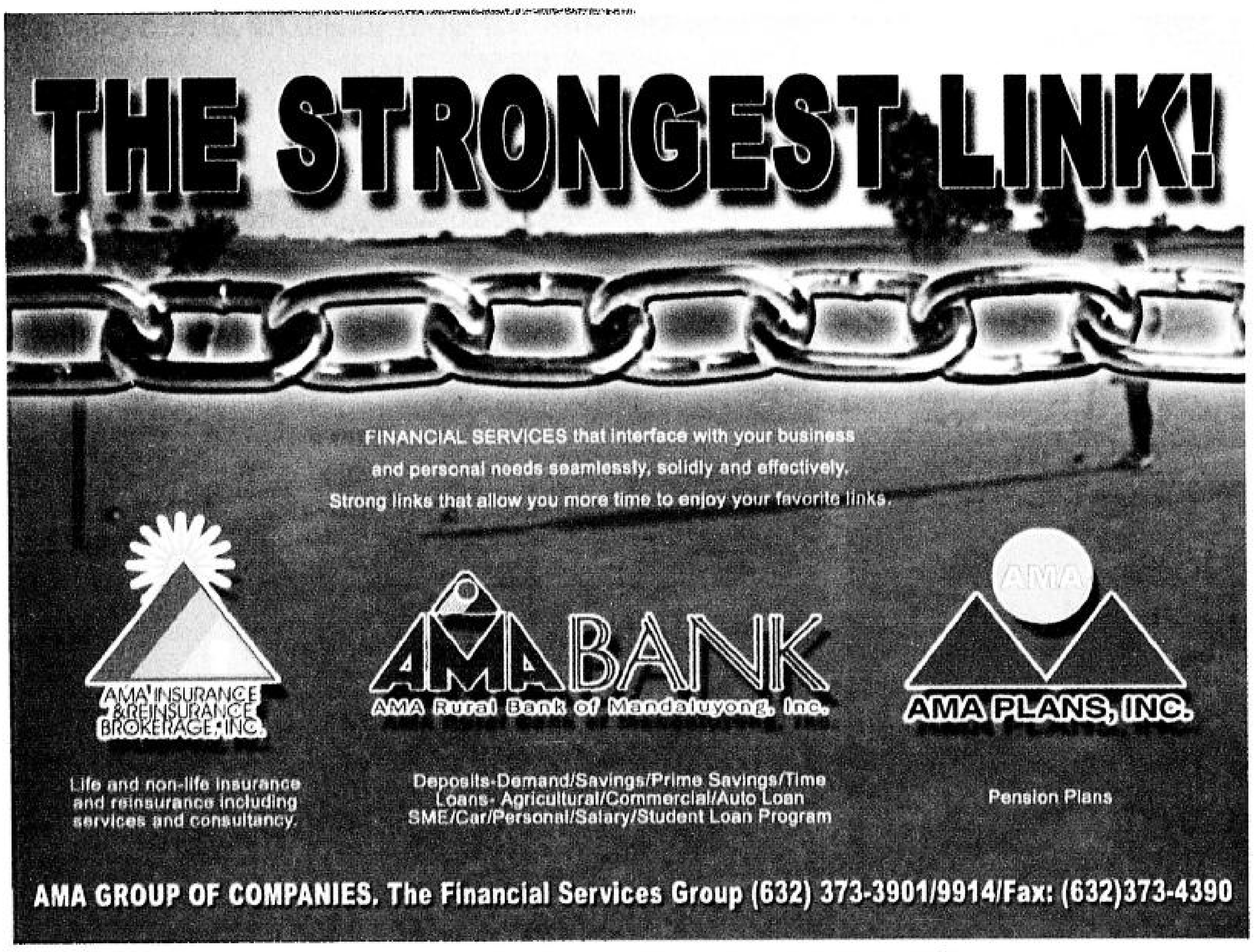
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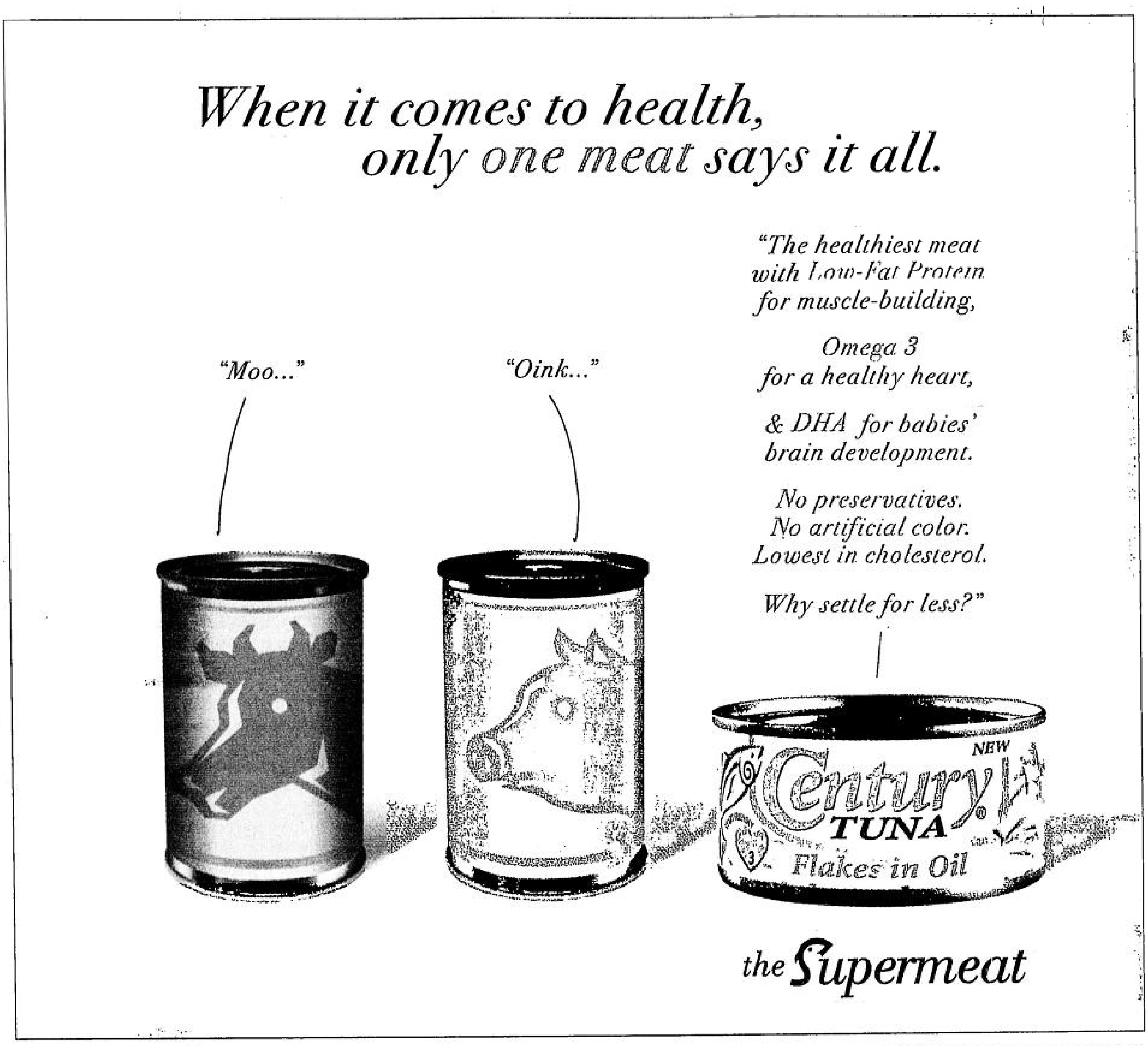

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MEDICAL EXPERTS ON ERECTILE DYSFUNCTION

E.D.torial

This week's columnist:

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President; Child and Adolescent Psychiatrists of the Phils, Inc. (CAPPI)

TRICKs or TREATment?

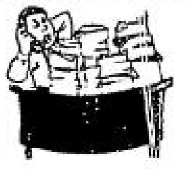
Knowing the Best Solution to E.D.

Last Part:
Introduction

There is probably no other medical condition in men which is more frustrating, humiliating and devastating than erectile dysfunction. The 'inability to perform' has driven men into relying on certain remedies. Part 1 of this series on Tricks and Treatments which came out last August 11 dealt with common aphrodisiacs - the most popular being alcohol, balut, exotic foods, oysters and the infamous soup number five. Last week, we discussed the proven and reliable options that came to debunk these myths - vacuum devices, injectables, suppositories and implants. Today, we will tackle two other options that can be considered in the treatment of ED - options that are more convenient, painless but equally effective. These are counseling and oral medication.

COUNSELING

Erectile dysfunction may be due to physical or psychological factors. But more often than not, the psychological factors overrule the physical.

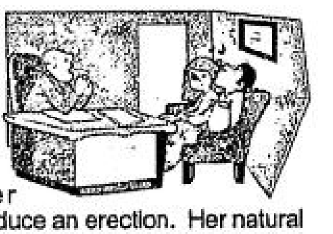


On the onset, one may already have a primary depression which causes the physical impediment. Stress and anxiety actually stunt an erection.

On the other hand, one may experience secondary depression as a reaction to ED. In almost all cultures, a man's self-esteem rests largely on having an erection. Ironically, the inability to produce one causes anxiety, which in turn stunts the possibility of ever getting an erection.

To stop the process from going full circle, the way to attack the problem is to take the first step into treatment: counseling.

There are two types of counseling offered. **Individual counseling** is needed to determine what psychological conditions are present in patients with ED. Is it primary depression or secondary depression? Knowing and understanding a man's psyche, his vision of self-worth and personal issues help the experts determine how to nip the problem at the bud. The best cure is still to be able to see oneself in a better light despite ED.



And then, there's **marital counseling.** Needless to say, ED can have an extremely destructive effect on marriage. A wife may feel rejected and threatened by her husband's inability to produce an erection. Her natural reaction to this is to coax him, in the middle of sexual intercourse, to have one. It will be obvious to the husband that she is putting in a great deal of effort for him to do so and this will even pressure him. Sadly, pressure as well as stress, depression and anxiety will just produce the opposite. Thus, none of either party is satisfied.

By counseling, the experts can identify the psychological factors that both spouses are bringing into the relationship. The spouses may be seen by separate counselors at the start of the therapy. Personal issues will be recognized. And solutions will be drawn out.

As individual therapy progresses, marital counseling continues. It will bring both spouses together to discuss which among these individual psychological issues are harmful to their marriage and to their sexual relationship in particular.

ORAL TREATMENT

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There are other oral drugs for ED which act directly in the Central Nervous System and in the periphery. They are still being developed and tested in other countries, and not yet out in the local market as of this writing.

So, knowing and understanding the various treatment options given and discussed above (and in the previous articles) - patients see hope for erectile dysfunction. It's all a matter of choosing and deciding which one will work best for you.

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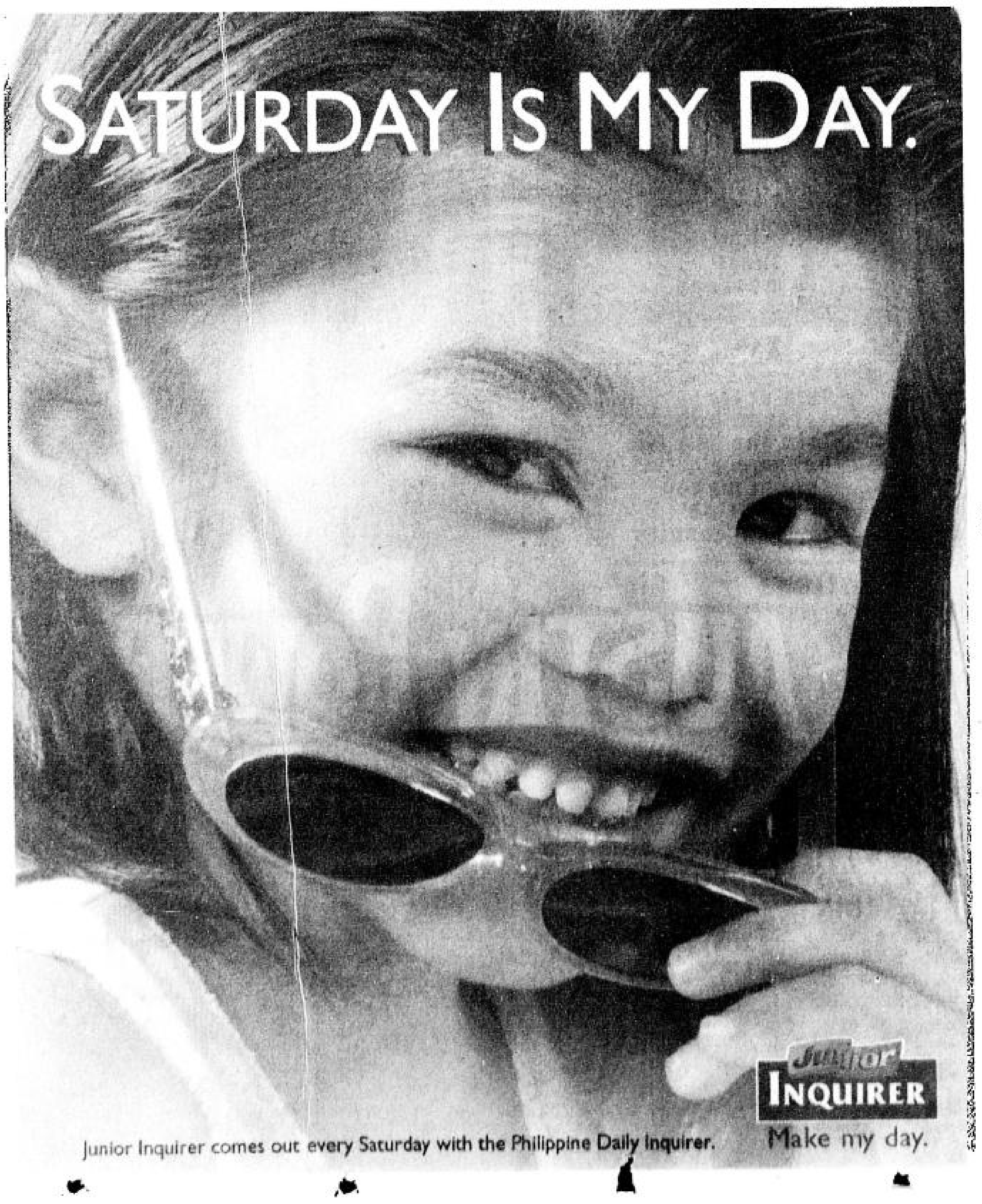
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LIVE AND LET LIVE

Tita Dulce

DEAR Tita Dulce,

In the past you featured the case of Molested Girl titled "She was abused by their houseboy." That girl's story was the same as mine. I am now 21, but when I was just 11 years old, I was also molested, not by a houseboy but by our neighbor—twice. Until now my parents know nothing about what happened. Only my sister, three close friends and a priest do.

What made me keep going on was the very beautiful advice you gave to Molested Girl. Probably, if it wasn't for of that advice, I might have ended my life because during those times, I was really bothered and confused. The man who raped me was under the influence of drugs.

Can I still file a case against him for what he did to me? If not, what shall I do? I want justice.

BUTTERFLY

Rape is a capital offense. You must consult a lawyer. However, you have to think seriously about it, because based on your letter, you really cannot produce a witness in court. If you confessed to a priest, he is under the secrecy of confession. If you just talked to him about it, he still cannot be a reliable witness.

To answer your question as to whether you should go back to your family—you have to consider your life now. Do you have a regular job? Are you still in school?

Going back to your family can revive painful memories of the past. However, if you do not have a job, then you have to be with them still. This will not be a problem, even if you get to see that man again. Just watch your step every time, protect your flanks by avoiding being in a situation where the same crime can be committed.

When you are alone in your home, lock your doors; never go out alone at night. Avoid the man, even if he just tries to be friendly.

Remain pure, gracious and dignified. You just might meet a man who will sincerely love you. But don't spend every hour waiting for that to happen. Live each day to the fullest, keep busy. Maybe your parents can even help you attain other goals. Just remember, more things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of. The incident happened more than a decade ago. Offer each day to the Lord.

Request from cloistered Carmelite nuns

PEACE and joy in Jesus and Mary! After the inauguration of our temporary house, we started to build our chapel in honor of Holy Mary, Star of the Sea, together with the choir for the Sisters and the two Sacristies. The building is already half-finished.

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Thank you. You and your loved ones are included in our daily prayers in Jesus and Mary.

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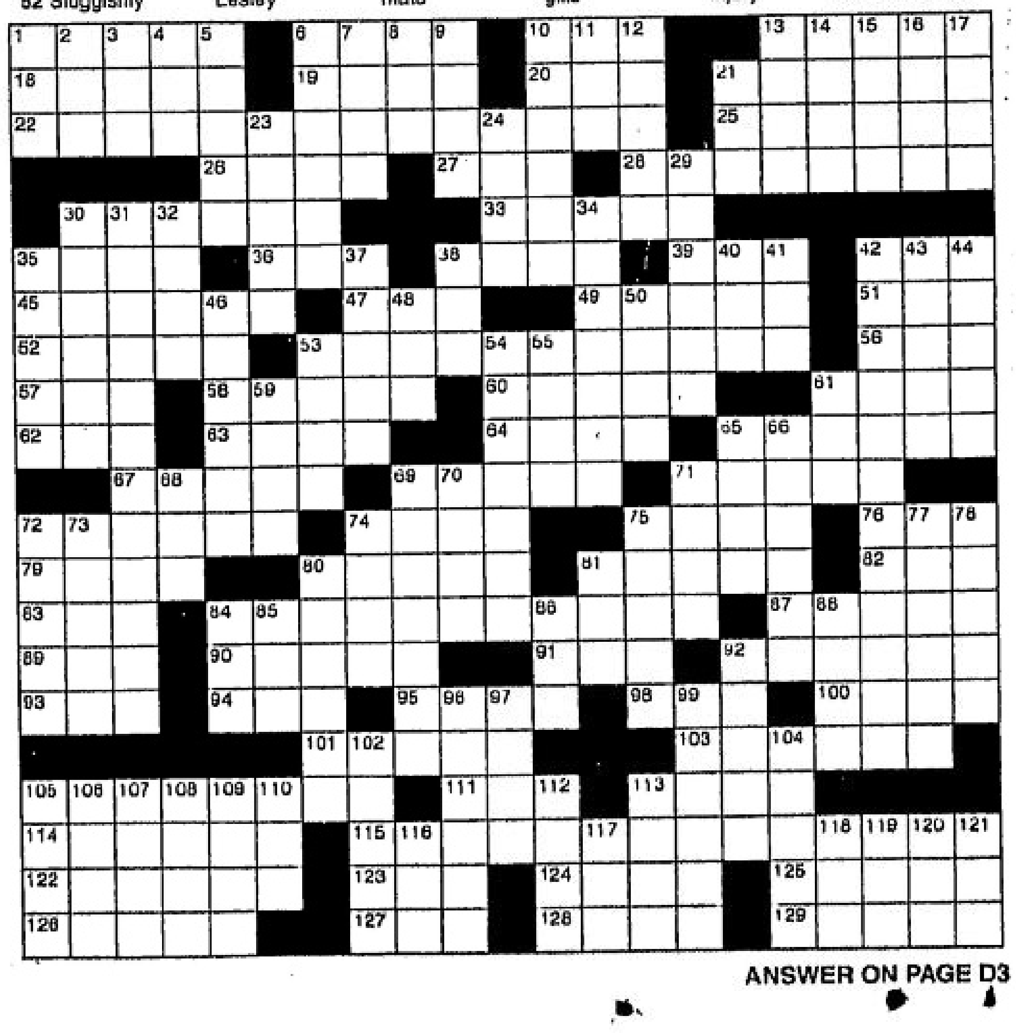

ANSWER ON PAGE D3

Cebu's Our Lady of Manaoag Center to house paintings of Rosary mysteries

PURELY PERSONAL

Josephine Darang

WHEN Edna Ouano Toral began enthroning replicas of Our Lady of Manaoag in Cebu in 1996, little did she know that she would be helping build Our Lady of Manaoag Rosary Center north of the province. Situated in the mountainous barrio of Corte in Carmen, 40 km away from the city, the Rosary Center is being built near the monastery of the Benedictines of the Sylvestrine Congregation.

The groundbreaking on Aug. 1 coincided with the consecration of the church of the Benedictines, which took two years to build due to financial difficulties. His Eminence Ricardo Vidal consecrated the church and presided over the groundbreaking ceremonies.

According to Fr. Patricio Apa, prior/parish priest of Holy Rosary Shrine in Manaoag, Pangasinan, the Rosary Center will house life-size paintings of the Mysteries of the Holy Rosary. A five-foot replica made by Al Arriesgado will be enshrined in the center, which will be a house of prayer.

To date, there are 26 churches where the image of Our Lady of Manaoag has been enthroned. The 27th church will be the Parish of St. Thomas de Villanova in Pardo town, south of Cebu City. Father Apa will enthrone the Virgin with the assistance of Msgr. Constantino Diotay, parish priest, and Fr. Domingo Tapic. The 26 churches include those in Laguna, Pampanga and Leyte.

With the spread of the devotion to Our Lady of Manaoag in the Visayas, Edna talks of having to go to as far as Tagbilaran in Bohol to talk to someone in need of help, like the mother of a drug addict.

People write to her and ask for novenas in Cebuano or English. And now, as president of the Rosary Center project, she is busy soliciting funds sending at least 55 letters to people whom she knows will help.

Those who wish to help can deposit their donations at the Philippine Bank of Communication savings account no. 0194-1973-4, or write to Edna Toral at 2 Humabon St., San Antonio Village, Banilad, Cebu. Thank you for your kindness.

Benedictines of St. Sylvestrine

The Benedictines of St. Sylvestrine were invited to Cebu by Cardinal Vidal. They came in February 1999 with permission from Abbot General Dom Andrea Pantaloni.

Three monk priests of South Indian origin headed by Father Thomas were sent from Rome and welcomed by then Carmen Mayor Virginio E. Villamor. They stayed in a temporary house while building the church and monastery. Four brothers joined them later.

The activities of the monks include the formation of their own candidates, looking after the spiritual needs of people, giving Confession, family visits, helping the parish and holding retreats.

There are also free dental camps in the monastery premises, conducted by Dr. Gaston Batiller and his friends from the Mandaue Dental Associaton. Generous benefactors from Cebu and other places send clothes, footwear and household articles for poor families.

This life of love and service nurtured by prayer aptly fulfills the passage from Corinthians 9:2: "Become rich in every way and give abundantly; what you give will become through us a thanksgiving to God."

Pilgrimage trip to Naga

For the past six years, Gloria Gelua has been bringing pilgrims to Naga on the feast day of Our Lady of Peñafrancia. This year, the feast falls on Sept. 21 (fluvial procession) and Sept. 22 (fiesta day). Those who wish to join Gloria can call her at tel. 531-1710, or Roger Manaog at tel. 531-9918.

The pilgrimage includes visits to other churches in Camarines Sur. The affordable fee includes bus ride, food and hotel accommodations.

Peñafrancia in Manila

The Peñafrancia Devotees of Metro Manila are preparing the novena schedule for the fiesta. Novena Masses will be held at the St. Andrew Church in Bel-Air, Sept. 12-14 at 6 p.m.

Fluvial procession on Sept. 15 starts at 3:30 p.m. from the Hospicio de San Jose and ends at the ferry landing in Escolta. Women will carry the Virgin to the Manila Cathedral, where a Mass will be officiated by Bishop Nestor Carino at 6 p.m. The Comelec Bicol Choir will sing. President of the association is Dr. Charito Felipe. The public is invited.

Our Lady of Consolation

San Agustin Church will celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Consolation on Sept. 4. Novena Masses will begin tomorrow at 5:30 p.m. On Sunday, novena Mass is at 6 p.m. On Sept. 4, a procession led by Confraternity members will begin at 4 p.m. Concelebrated High Mass is at 5 p.m.

Marian exhibit at Expo Pilipino

Different images of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Northern Luzon will be exhibited at the Barasoain Church in Expo Pilipino on Sept. 7-15. These include Our Lady of Piat in Cagayan, Virgen de los Remedios in Pampanga and Ina Poon Bato in Zambales.

Fr. Chris Cadiang, parish priest of Clark Special Economic Zone, and Tourism Director Cynthia Lazo are in charge. More on this in a future column.

'Laguna de Bay: The Living Lake'

"Laguna de Bay: The Living Lake" is the title of the book Ronnie Alejandro wrote with Antony Burgmans to mark the 75th anniversary of Unilever. The book will be launched on Aug. 27, 6 p.m., at the Rigodon Ballroom of The Peninsula. Burgmans is the chair of Unilever NV.

Canyon Woods is 5 years old

Canyon Woods Residential Resort turns 5 on Aug. 31. Fr. Rene Ramos will concelebrate the Thanksgiving Mass with other priests at 7 a.m. at the Holy Name of Jesus Chapel. There are at least 300 homeowners living in Phase I and Phase II in an 80-hectare area. The anniversary ball will welcome 200 more members of the club and announce the expansion of Canyon Woods.

Seminarian needs help

Seminarian John Phillip Maginto needs help to be able to continue with his studies. He will receive his *soutana* on Sept. 7. Those who wish to help can write him at St. Pius X Seminary, Roxas City, where he is first year in philosophy. Thank you for your kindness.

THE MISSIONARIES of Charity and Benedictine monks attend the groundbreaking of Our Lady of Manaoag Rosary Center in Cebu.

St. John Vianney Seminary's alumni reunion

THE ST. JOHN Vianney Theological Seminary will hold its alumni reunion tomorrow and on Aug. 27 at the Seminary Hill, Camaman-an in Cagayan de Oro City.

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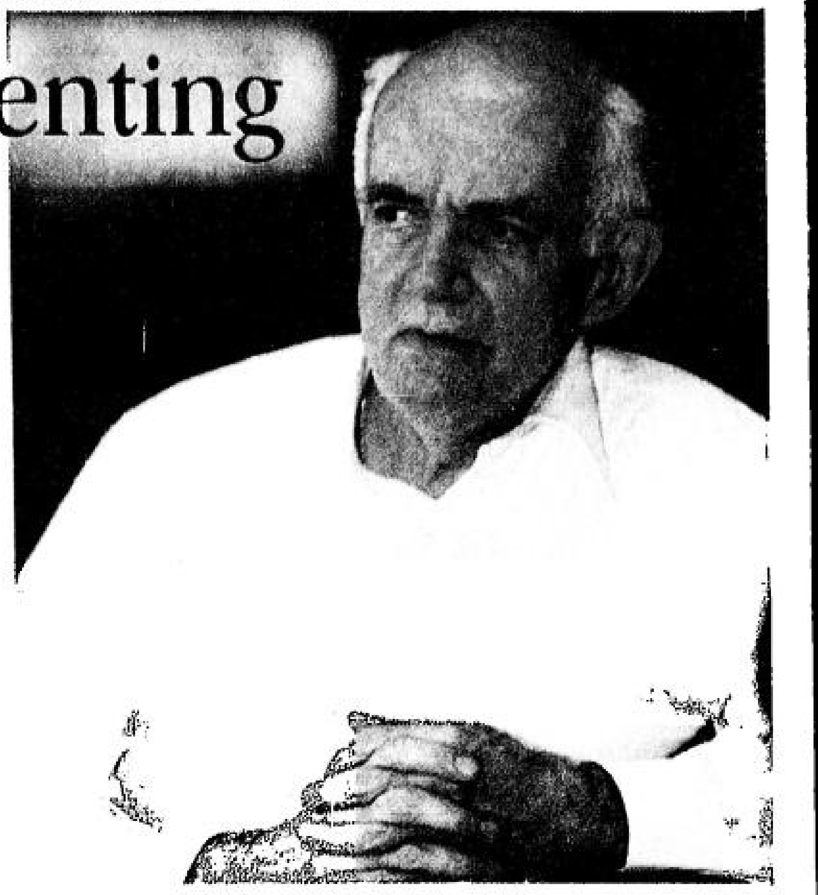

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was the keynote speaker at the Asia-Pacific Family Congress at the Philippine International Convention Center.

Stenson has 30 years of experience working with families and has helped establish two independent secondary schools for boys—the Heights School in Washington, DC, in 1969 and the Northridge School in Chicago in 1976. He served at Northridge as headmaster for close to a dozen years. Stenson firmly believes that parents are the primary educators of their children and that schools are only there to reinforce the learning process.

"Like Edward Jenner who sought out strains and eventually discovered the smallpox vaccine, I wanted to find out if there were any patterns made for successful families. During the time that I was with the schools, I made it my business to know hundreds of families up close. I wanted to learn how parents succeed or fail with their children. I realized that there is no one fixed formula for parenting in the same way that each child is also different (in terms of temperament), but in working with hundreds of families over the years there emerged four distinct patterns," he says.

Stenson has a website, www. parent leadership.com, where he has several interesting and very informative articles that help parents raise their children well. "Parents win success with their children only in the long term," he says. "They succeed with their children when the kids grow up to become competent, responsible, considerate and generous men and women who are committed to live by principles of integrity—adults who bring honor to their parents all their lives through their conduct, conscience and character. Raising children to become adults like this is what parenthood is all about."

Sorry, no shortcuts. Family expert James Stenson says raising kids requires long-term visioning

Descriptive suggestions

However, what patterns or suggestions Stenson lays out for parents are only what he likes to call descriptive and not prescriptive. "I do not claim to have all the answers about family life and I don't know anyone who does. What I'm doing is describing the kind of thinking and action—the compass of parenthood— that great parents have lived by and taught me in the course of my professional career," he stresses. And like the four points on a compass, Stenson generously shared with us one morning what he thought were the common patterns of successful parenthood.

First, he says that successful parents "raise adults and not grown children." These wise parents, Stenson says, look 20 years

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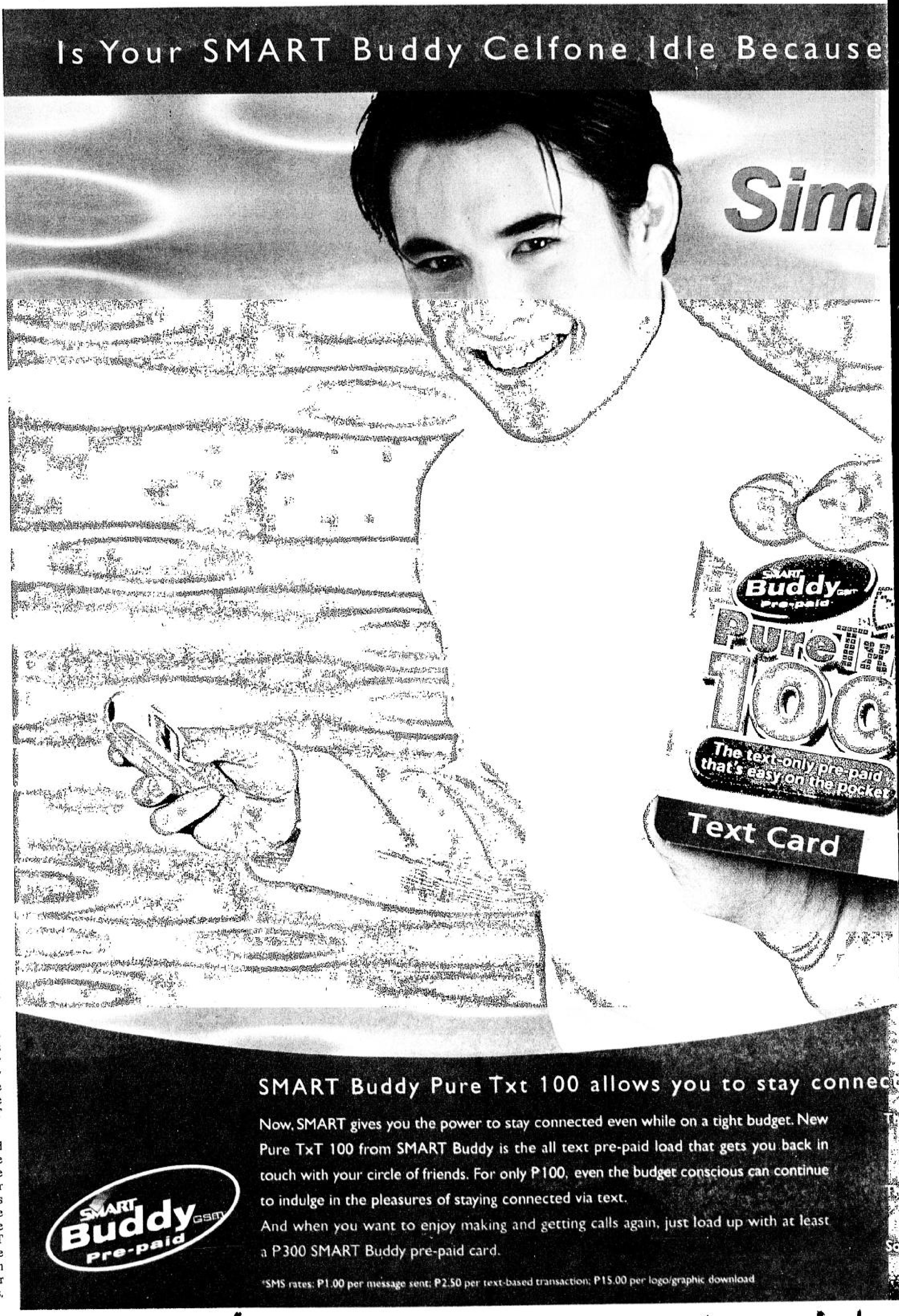

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into the future. "The real job of parenthood is to lead children—by example, directed practice and explanation—so that they grow up to be competent, responsible, considerate men and women who are committed to live by Christian principles all their lives. They should live this way before they're out of their teens," Stenson says.

Second, in the raising of children, character is given more emphasis over career. Stenson cites seven virtues that every parent must try to instill in their children—judgement, responsibility, fortitude, self-mastery, faith, hope and charity. "Mencius, a disciple of Confucius, said a great person never loses the heart of a child—a beautiful quote, but we must remember that good parenting requires that the whole of moral development is to move the child from self to others," Stenson says. "Your children will not grow up when they can take care of themselves, but rather when they can take care of others—and want to. That's when you can say that the child has really grown up." Sadly, we see this is not the case in many homes where there are many 30-year-old children trying to be mothers or worse, 40-year-old children trying to be fathers.

Rules

Stenson says successful parenting requires that there be rules in the family. His website gives an extensive listing of sample rules that he has found to be effective in the families he has dealt with. "Every healthy family lives by a set of rules in the home, some high standards for attitudes and conduct directed toward the welfare of others. When children live by these standards every day for years, they gradually—with fits and starts along the way—internalize powers of judgment, ethical responsibility, gutsy perseverance and consideration for others. Active family rules form the framework for their growth in character," Stenson explains.

Parents should live by the standards they set. "Don't demand anything from your children that you don't demand of yourself," Stenson says. The seven virtues should be seen in the rules that each family prescribes.

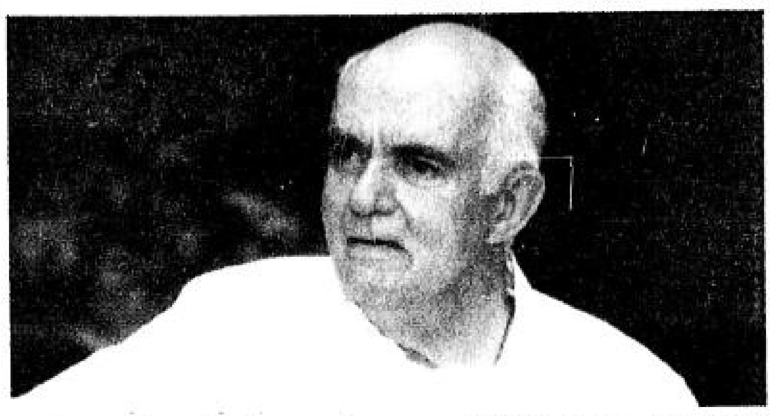
Stenson says parents are not perfect, so when they commit mistakes, they should be quick to apologize. "I'm sorry" and "Please forgive me," he says, are the most beautiful words in family life. He also says children must understand that "No" is a loving word as well.

The fourth point Stenson emphasizes is that leadership should be seen through affectionate assertiveness. "The word discipline has had a bad press," he says. "It's widely misunderstood to mean punishment. It does not mean enforcing rules just for the sake of minimizing hassles at home like a kind of damage control. Its real meaning is far deeper and more important. Discipline really means confident, effective leadership."

Affectionate assertiveness

Effective parents, Stenson says, practice what is called affectionate assertiveness. "They assert correct conduct and attitudes by their example, action and words while at the same time they are unfailingly affectionate with their children. They set out to correct the fault, not the person," he adds.

With both sons and daughters, Stenson says parents should show affection with their eyes. "You should listen to your child with your eyes. When you deliberately make eye-contact with them, especially when they are speaking to you, you show how much you care for them." In a parent's eyes, a child can read a mother's or father's soul—that child will see the love, pride and hopes for the future that their parent has for them.



Stenson makes a point regarding fathers and daughters. "It's important for fathers to spend time with their daughters just as it is for mothers and sons. A father sets the pattern for what a daughter should accept from men later on when she has relationships. Fathers should stress that their daughters go for protectors and not predators," Stenson says. There is much, he adds, that a young girl can learn from her father's wisdom. "That's why it's of utmost importance for a father to meet every boy that his daughter dates."

Children are very sensitive and they pick up on both the verbal and non-verbal parental admonition. "Somehow, mysteriously, normal children sense when their parents correct them out of love and great parents correct because they love. Later, as young adults, and even before they they're out of their teens, they will fully understand why your love moved you to act as you did, and they will thank you."

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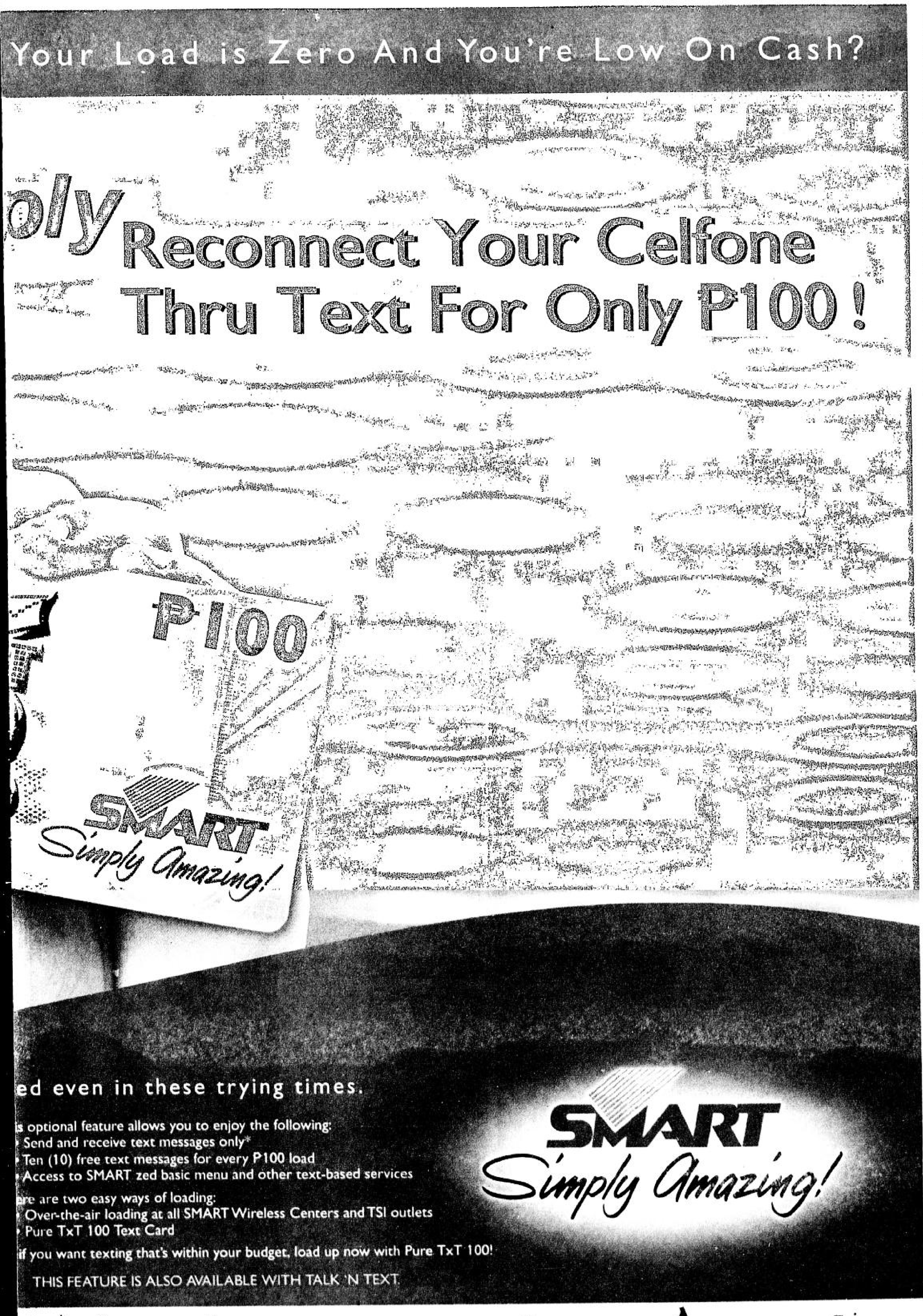

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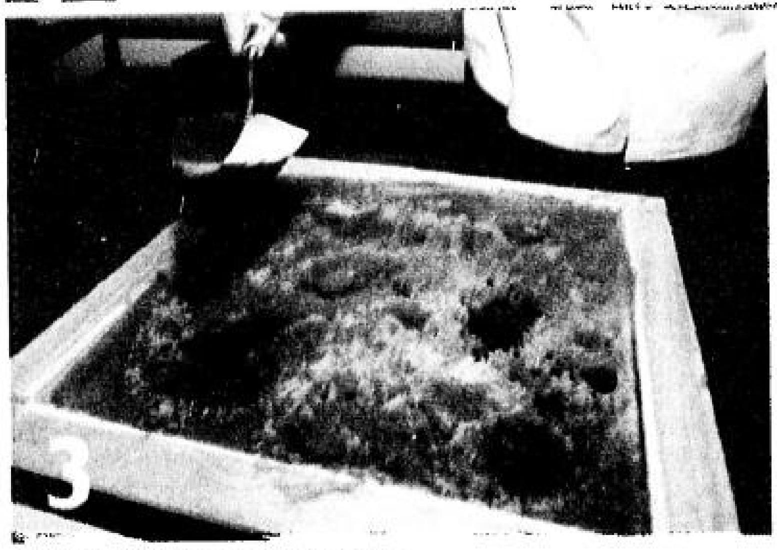
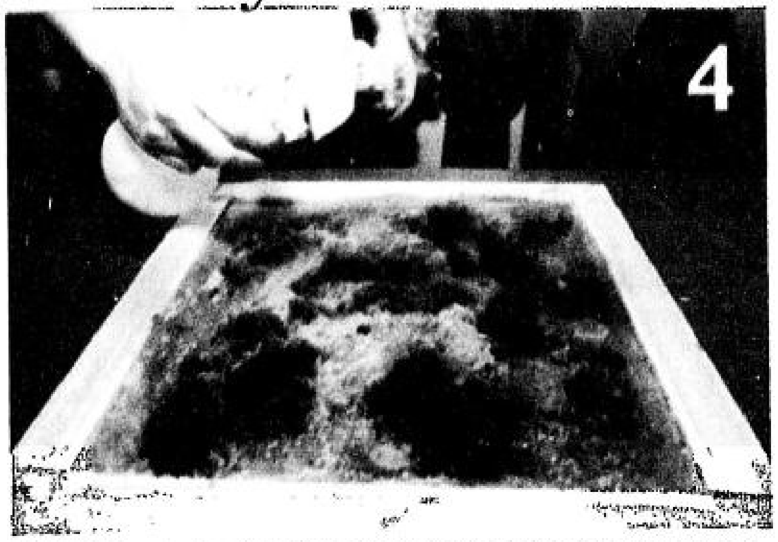
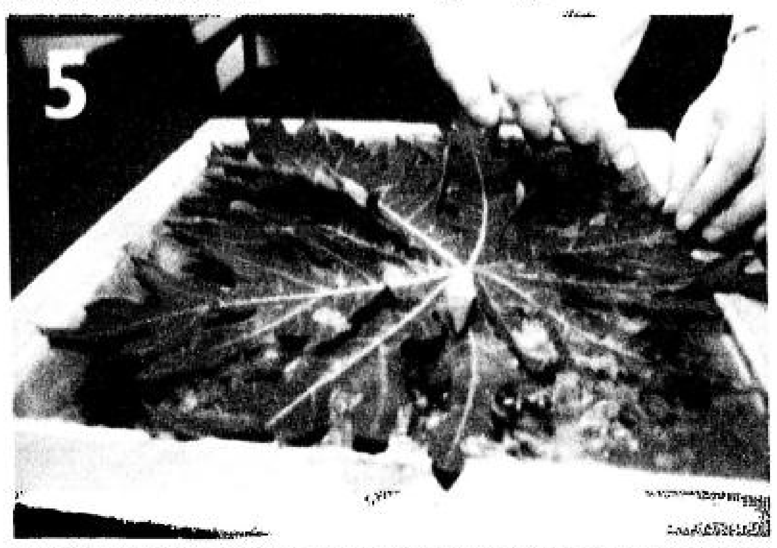


SPRINKLE brown and black cement.



MIST with water to allow the cement to blend well for natural stone effect.



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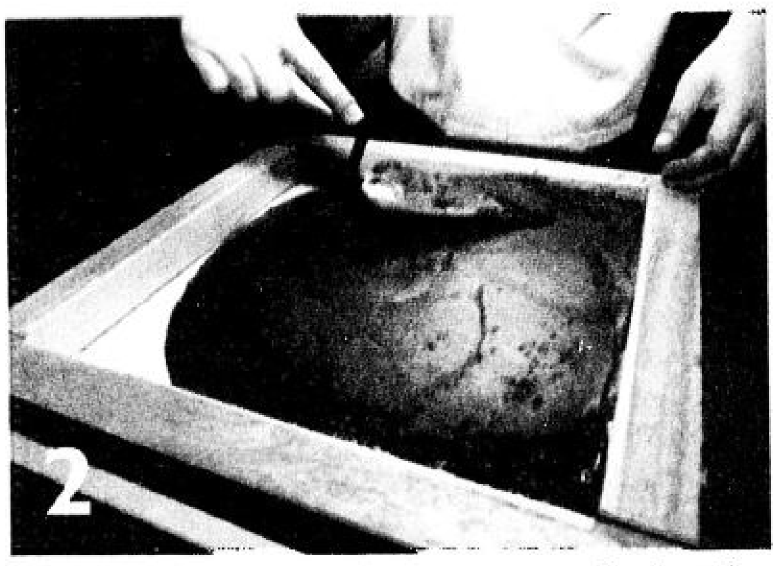
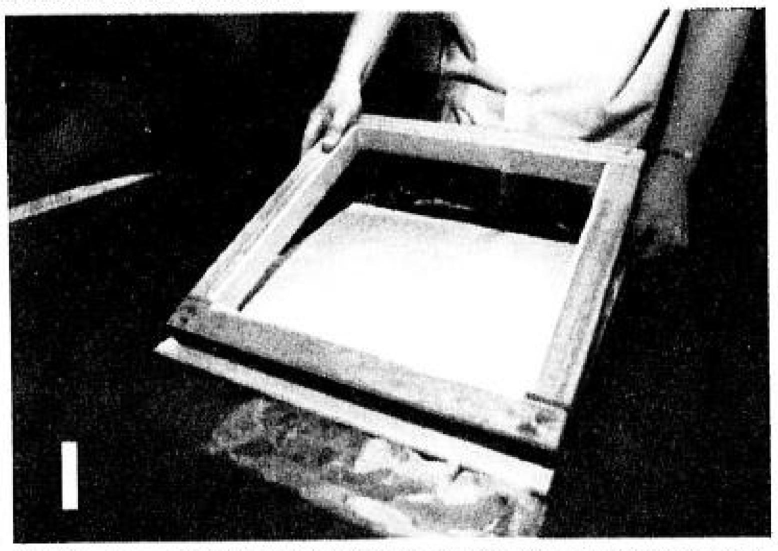


MIX the cement (two parts sand and one part cement) and pour the mixture into the container.



MAKE a wooden mold and line the inner sides with packing tape. Put a piece of plywood on a clean table, then cover it with clear plastic so water from the cement will not leak. Position the mold on top of the plastic-covered plywood.

Making paver stones is an ideal do-it-yourself project because of its simplicity

Text by Vangie Baga-Reyes
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CRAFT

WANT to add a touch of elegance and style to your home and garden? Why not make unique and stylish paver or stepping stones to give a classy look to your patio and walkways?

"The stones will add the finishing touch that you have been looking for," says interior designer and landscape artist Jerome de Jesus of Portofino (tels. 933-6275 or 933-6224). "They will blend beautifully with any country or tropical motif as well as with nature."

Making paver stones is an ideal do-it-yourself project because of its simplicity. Doing the stones yourself will cost you much less than if you buy them, not to mention that it allows you greater creativity in design. One stone artwork sells for P200 in stores. On the other hand, if you make your own, De Jesus says you will spend only P18 apiece.

The project, which De Jesus calls the "fauxilized paver stones," uses a variety of cement but only sparingly. You can buy a whole bag of Portland cement and a bag of sand and keep the rest for future use.

To make one paver stone, you will need about three kilos of cement and a sixth of a bag of sand, with the materials mixed in water. Also needed are colored cements (black, brown, and beige) to create a real stone effect, and Boracay sand that is sold by kilo. The fine Boracay sand gives the stone a unique texture.

For the needed molder, you can use four 2" x 2" pieces of wood (*dos por dos*) nailed together to create a 15 x 15-inch frame (the minimum size for stepping stones). For accent, you can use flowers, leaves, shells and beads.

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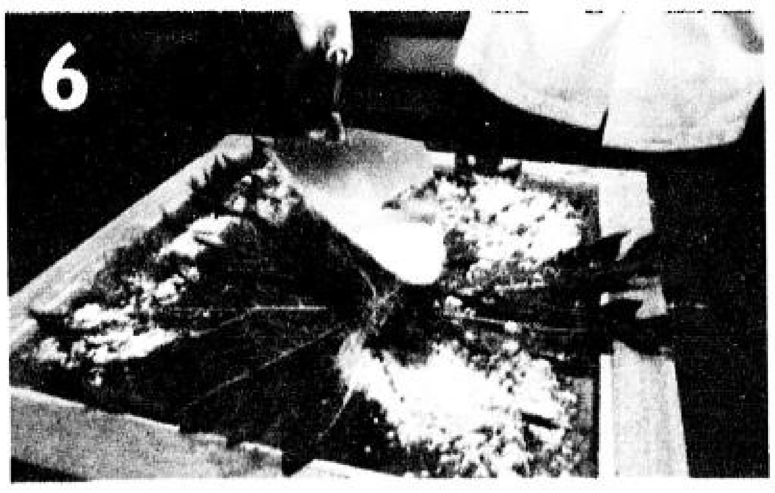
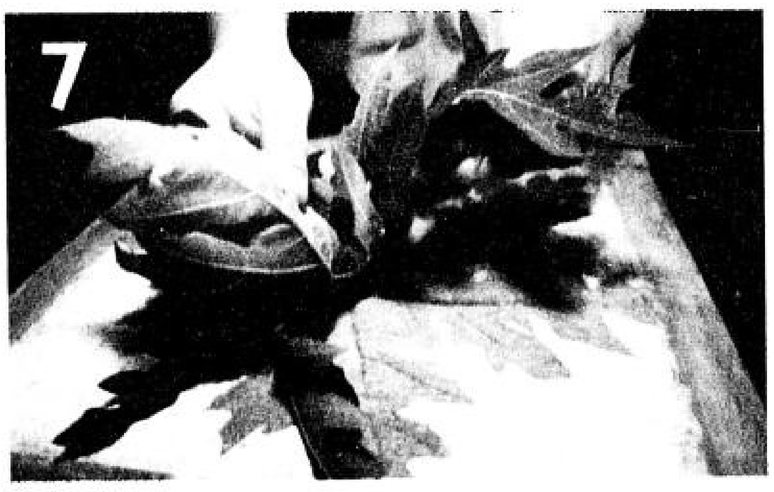
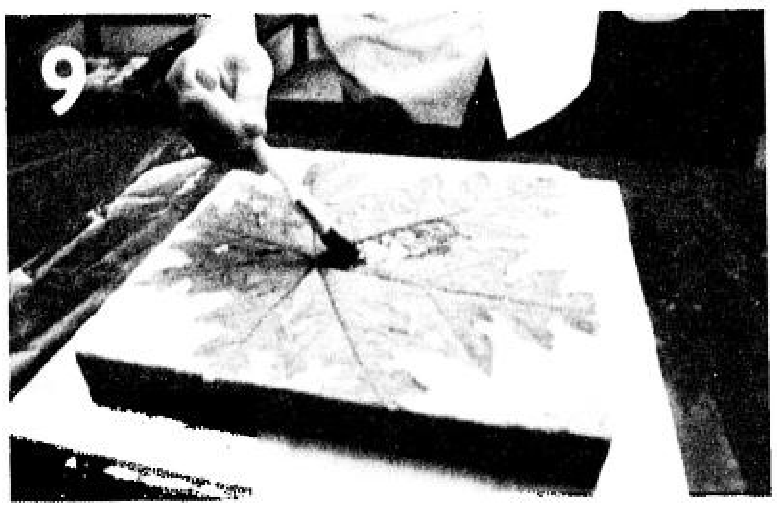


SPRINKLE with beige cement, then Boracay sand. Mist again with water to blend and bind. Set aside and allow to cure for eight hours.



CAREFULLY remove the leaf.

REMOVE the wooden mold.



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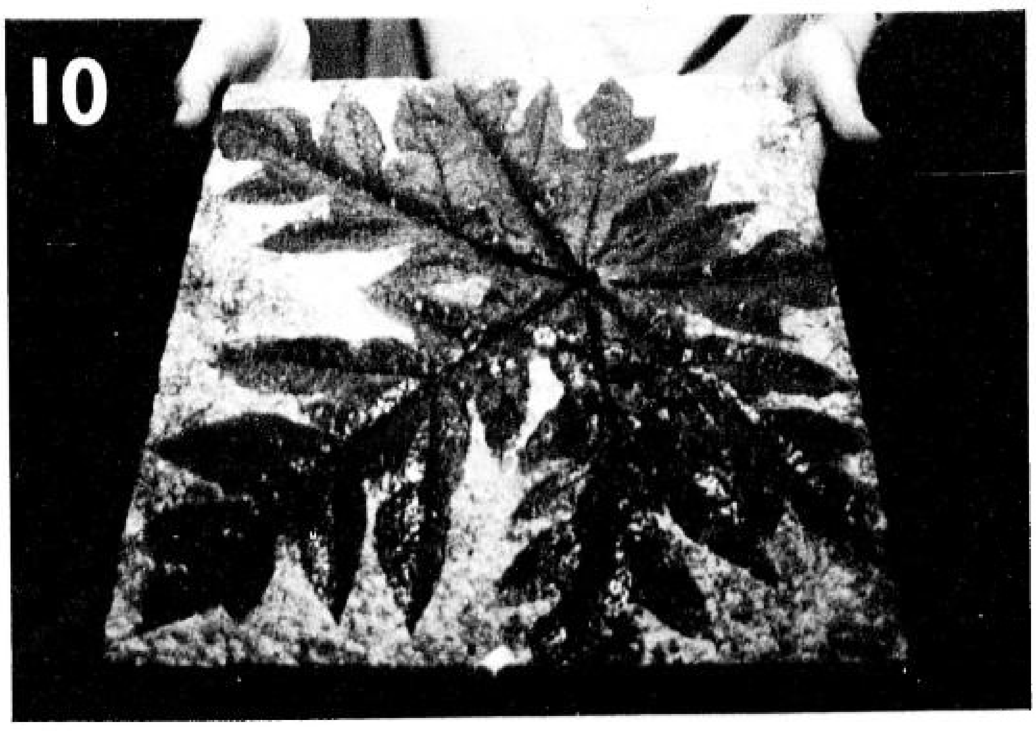
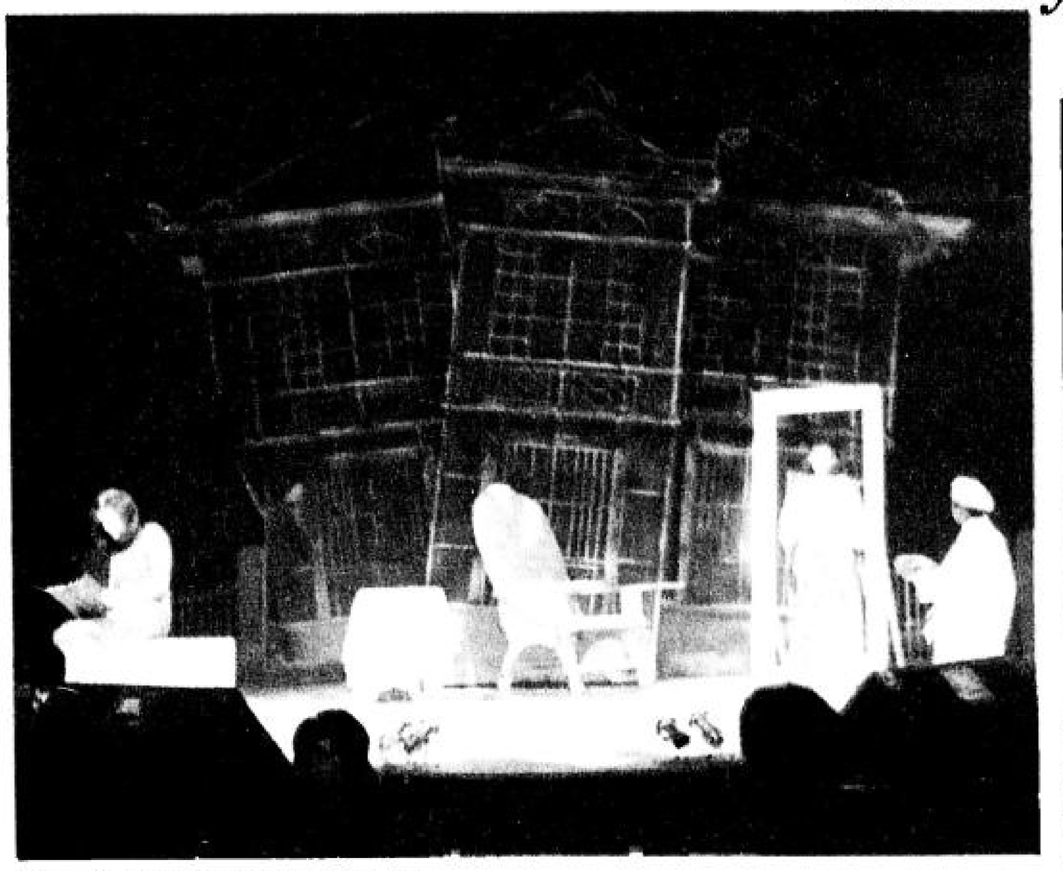


STYLISH and easy-to-make paver stone

PAVER stones give a unique look to the garden, patio and walkways of your home.



"ALIKABOK" at the Music Museum

MOTHERS AND DAUGHTERS. Monique and Cris Villonco, Waya Gallardo and Celeste Legaspi, and China and Tingting Cojuangco

Mothers and daughters at play

GIRLIE Rodis

IN THE PERFORMANCE of the musical "Alikabok" at the Music Museum last Thursday, not only President Macapagal-Arroyo's attendance made the evening special, but the presence of the mothers of the play's principal players.

Lending support to their children were Monique Villonco, mom of Cris, who essayed the lead role of Bising, the strong-headed young revolutionary; Celeste Legaspi, mom of Waya Gallardo, who played the role of the modern woman Anna who wants to sell her husband's ancestral home; and Tingting Cojuangco, mom of China, who played Consuelo, one of Bising's lovestruck friends.

On stage, the central parent figure is always at odds with the daughter. But downstage, mothers and daughters get along well, especially if they share the same leanings. Monique Villonco and Celeste Legaspi are the people behind the play's production company, Musicat, along with Girlie Rodis, and Tingting Cojuangco is, of course, known for her support of the arts.

"Alikabok" is a musical by Noel Balmaceda (libretto) and Ryan Cayabyab (music).

THREE GENERATIONS. Monique Villonco with daughter Cris and mom Armida Siguion-Reyna

WE ARE FAMILY. Nonoy Gallardo and Celeste Legaspi with their daughter Waya

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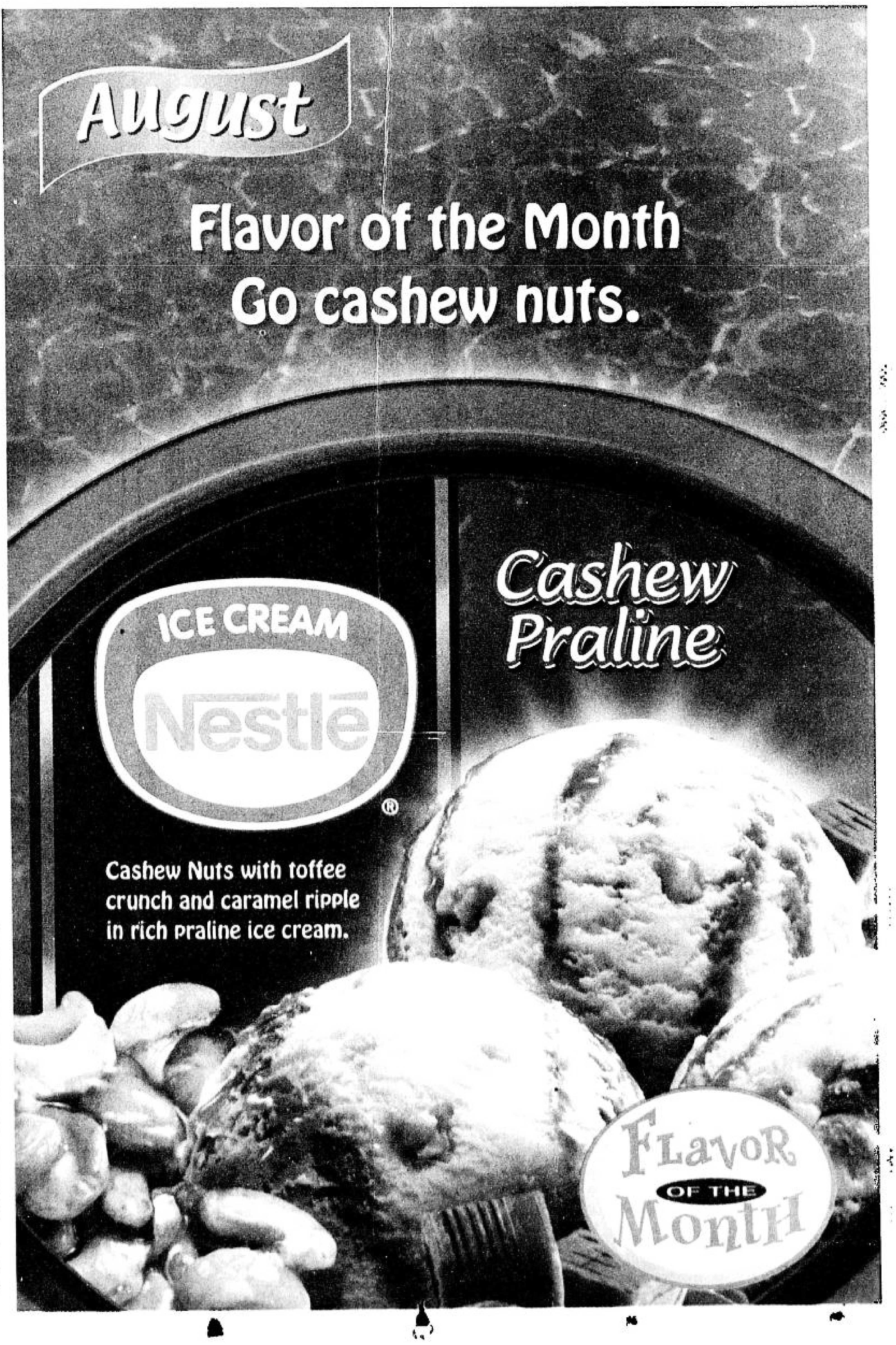

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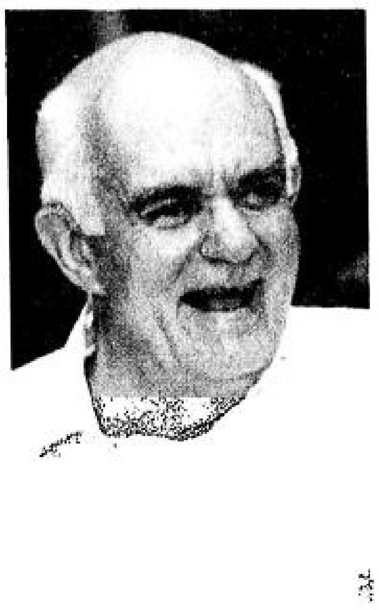
STENSON

JAMES Stenson is a towering American educator with a "bias" for the Philippines. "My father was with McArthur's liberation forces and when he came back from the war, I grew up hearing so many stories about the Philippines," he says. Stenson specializes in family-life and family-school relationships and, for the past 10 years, has written books for parents and given conferences the world over. Last week he

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Mom's 'marriage survival manual' for soon-to-be-wed daughter

There is no such thing as a permanent state of marital happiness

By Frieda Co-Amanzo
Contributor

MY daughter is planning her wedding in September, and I've decided to write her a letter on love and marriage, a kind of mother-daughter talk. I thought of doing this when she was a little girl, in case I was no longer around when she got married.

I'm glad I am able to do this now instead of when I was too young to be wise, too involved to see the big picture, and too passionate to be objective. The first decade or so of my marriage—I imagine, like most marriages—was not easy. If I had written the letter then, I would have shared with her my insecurities and inexperience.

I have learned a few things since, and these are what I want my daughter to know (of course, only if she asks):

Marriage is often a matter of propinquity. The man who is around at the time a woman is ready to get married will most likely be the man she will marry. So don't expect your husband to be the great love of your life. It is all right, though, to hope that he is.

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Your husband will certainly not be perfect, or all you could wish for. We love and marry not because of the desirability of the beloved but more because of the depth of our needs. I taught you to distinguish between what you want and what you need. This should guide you in marriage. Know the difference between what you want and what you need, and what your husband wants and what he needs.

Who you are

Do not rely on your marriage to be the source of your happiness. Your happiness will depend on who you are and what you do. Marriage may help shape who you are and provide you the opportunity to do what you want to do—that is all you can expect of it.

There will be moments of great joy, pleasure and thrill; times of true accord, peace and quiet. There will be expressions of great love, wonderful surprises and high passion. If you are lucky and adventurous, there might even be peaks and precipices.

But there is no such thing as a permanent state of marital happiness, just being reasonably happy for an acceptable amount of time. A priest once asked me if I was happily married. I countered with "Are you happily a priest?" That ended the small talk.

Good sex is very important in marriage but not the end-all and be-all. It is the most expressive aspect of love, the warmest form of caring and the best measure of how well the relationship is faring. But marriage has other components that will be just as essential in later years.

Good sex with a loved one can make you very happy and fulfilled, but marital happiness depends on so much more. May he always hold you dear and give you respect and tenderness.

You must be certain about whom he will save when you and his mother fall off the Titanic even if you can swim and she can't. The Holy Bible says that a man must leave father and mother to join his wife and create a new family. You must always come first. And he should take your side against his own mother even when you are wrong, and against your own mother even when she is right.

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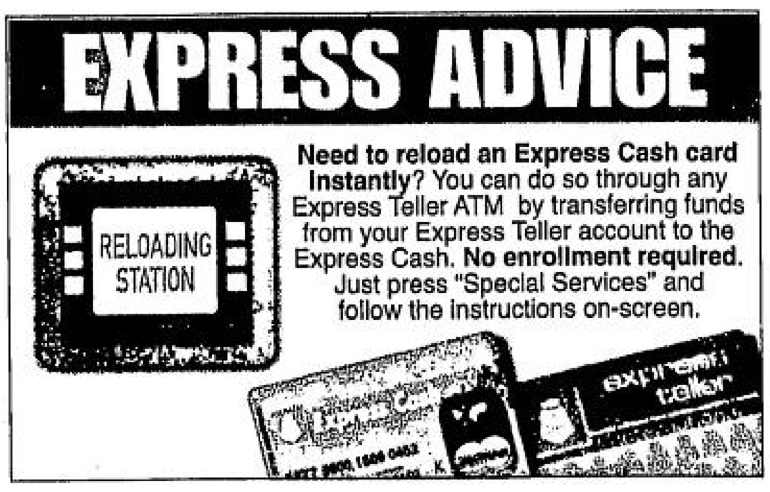

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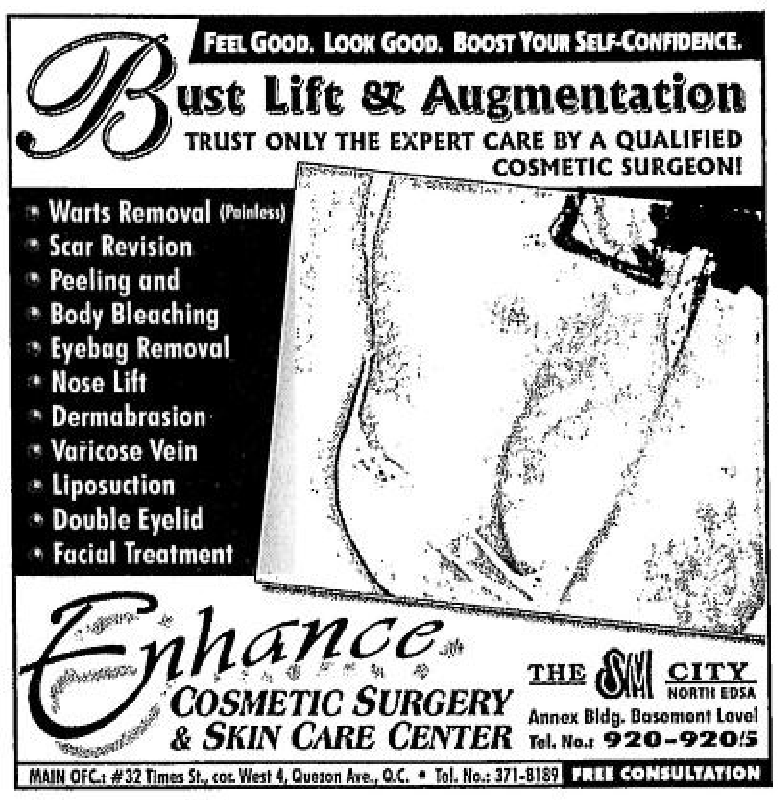

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TOBY and Babes with the entourage

WITH THEIR parents, Cora Claudio, Lina Concio, Andy Concio and Bobby Claudio

Elegant altar date caps college romance

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wedding coordinator.

Principal sponsors were the groom's uncles Rafael and Jose Claudio, Manny Sigaoat, Dr. Manuel Alba, Cesar Avila, Catalino Buktaw, Zenaida Arce, Marivic Viñas, Rhodora Clemente, Bing Limjoco, Lisa Santos and Zenaida Piedad. The groom's college buddy, Rafael Manalo, was best man, while the bride's childhood friend, Charina Yap, and sister Melissa were matron of honor and maid of honor, respectively. Groomsmen were Nestor Leynes III, Terence Limon and PJ Agregado, and bridesmaids were Nicole Limon, Ana Concio and Lizette Claudio. Secondary sponsors were Cecile Clemente and Ronnie Beltran (candle), Gwyneth Bautista and Erick Ampil (veil), and Melina and Alejandro Concha (cord).

Little attendants were Luis Rafael Castro (ring bearer), Kiel Patrick Stolk (coin bearer), Jaime Recto (Bible bearer), Nicole Audrey Yap, Isabel Victoria Recto and Elisa Claudio (flower girls).

Toby is the only son of Roberto and Cora (née Pebenito) Claudio, owners of the high-end sports store bearing his name. He finished high school at La Salle Greenhills and went to UP Diliman for his B.S. in Business Economics. He grew up in Palo Alto, California, USA, where his mom was a student at Stanford University. He is at present the operations manager of Toby's Sports.

The bride is one of five daughters of Andy and Lina (née Buenaventura) Concio. She took up psychology at UP Diliman and got her medical degree from the St. Luke's College of Medicine. She passed the medical board examinations recently and has just begun her residency in pediatrics.

Toby and Babes honeymooned in Thailand, spending two blissful weeks enjoying the country's famous beaches and many exotic landmarks.

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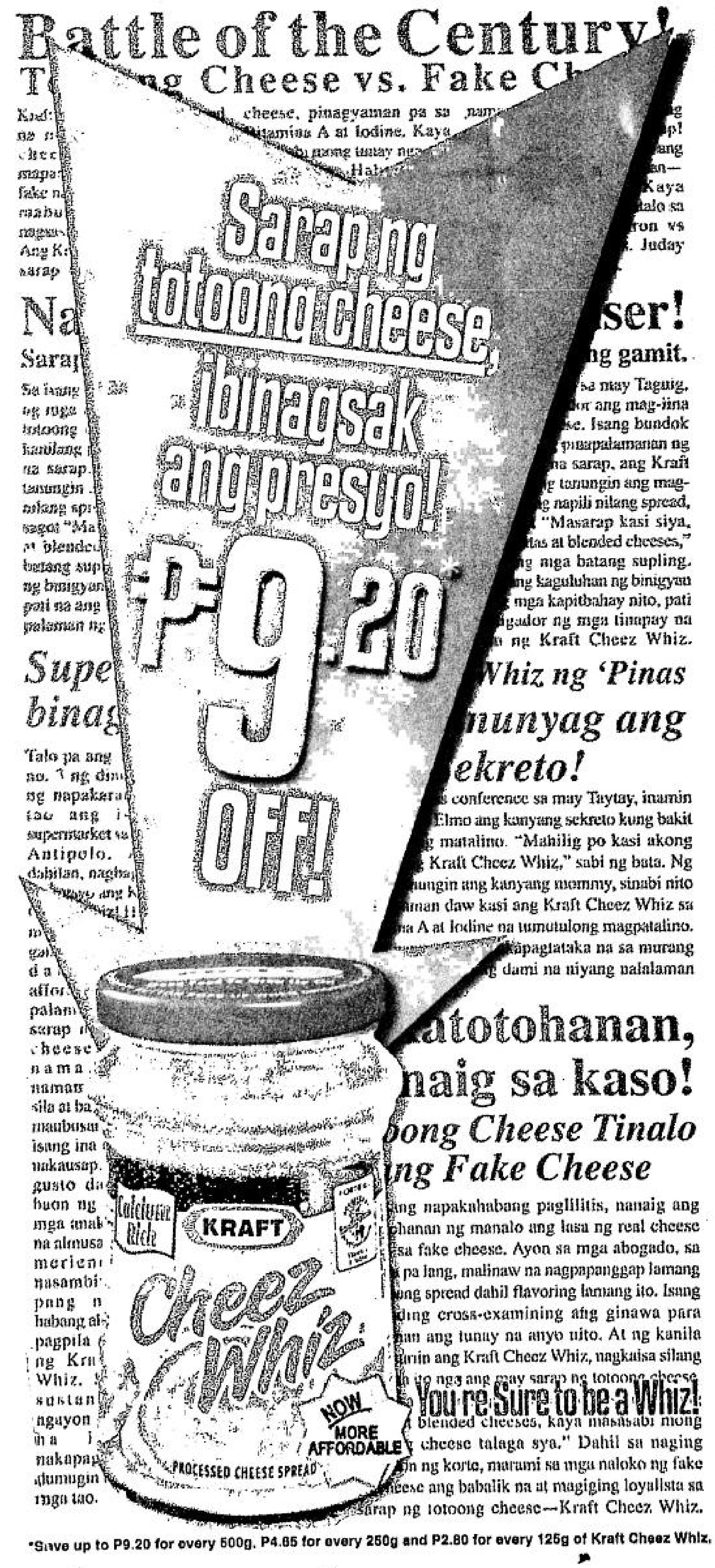
BRIDESMAIDS Lizette Claudio, Nicole Limon, May Concio and Ana Concio

They were 'very good friends for six years and sweethearts for five years'

BOBBY Claudio, Boy Claudio, Noel and Ces Cabrera, Bubut and Ed Claudio, Ellen Claudio, Cecille Claudio, Evelyn Salvador, Beth and Jojo Claudio



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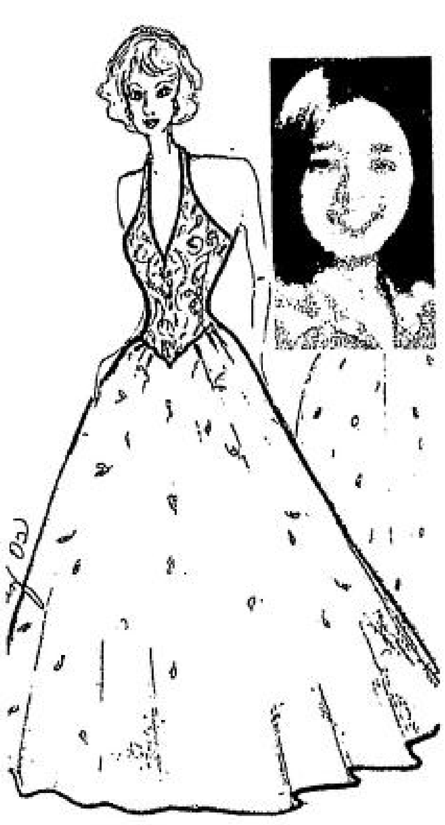
CATANA-PEREYRA

Ricky Catana exchanged marriage vows with **Florelle Pereyra** on May 4 at St. John Bosco Parish, Makati City. Rev. Fr. **Randy Figuracion** officiated. Reception followed at the Stargazer Function Room of the Grand Boulevard Hotel in Manila. The bride's gown was designed by **Paz Catana**, the groom's mother.



LOJO DEBUT

Sarah Grace Ortega Lojo will celebrate her 18th birthday on Aug. 31 at Patio Victoria, Intramuros, Manila. A marketing management student at the De La Salle University, she is the daughter of **Rafael** and **Grace Lojo**. She will wear a gown designed by **Bernice Cruz**.

Latest bridal trends at Sept. 1 fair

THE BRIDAL fair Wedding Celebrations 2002 will be held 10 a.m.-10 p.m., Sept. 1 at the Tower Wing, Convention Center, Edsa Shangri-La Manila.

Highlighting the event is an exclusive by-invitation lifestyle fashion show featuring Jul B. Dizon's jewelry collection. The fair is co-organized by Events by Gigi Bautista and sponsored by Johnnie Walker, Joey 92.3 and kasal.com.

Wedding Celebrations 2002 provides a one-stop wedding shop for busy brides and grooms. Over 100 exhibitors will present the latest trends in gowns and suits, jewelry, accessories, wedding cakes, floral arrangements, invitations and stationeries, souvenirs, as well as furnishing and décor for the newlyweds' home.

Bernie Pasamba's Music Consultancy will perform during the fair. The fair will also feature hair and makeup demos, wedding cake tasting, and consultations with videographers, photography studios and professional wedding planners. Experts will also give beauty and well-being tips to help brides prepare for the wedding.

Admission is free. Call 636-9064 to -74 or 750-0314.

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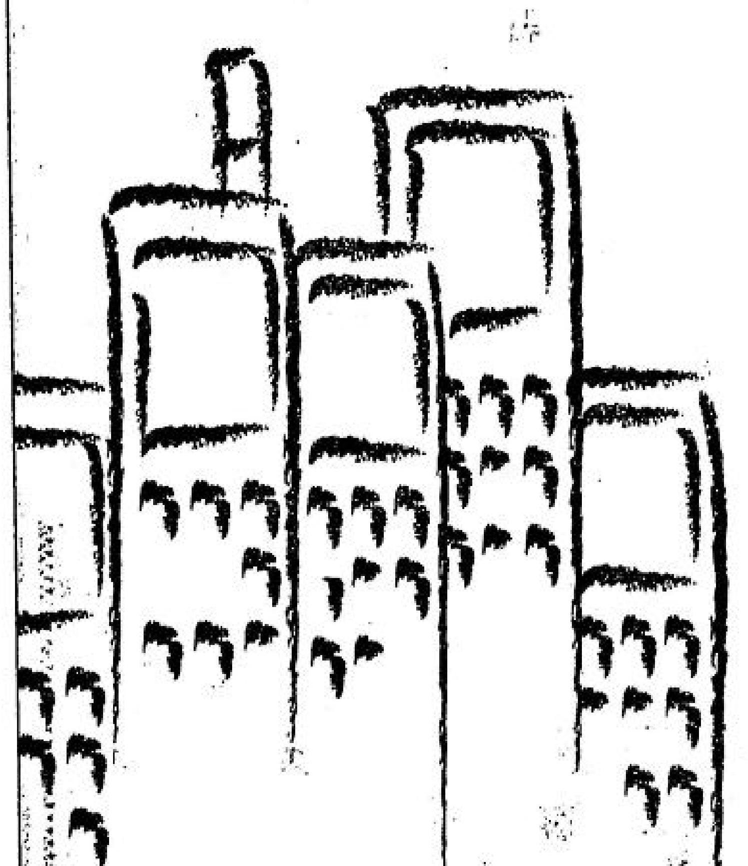
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GREENHILLS SHOPPING CENTER

Diamond 'dive-in' kicks off SIM promo

Dive for a Diamond

SIM diamond promo launch winner Aida Vallido (fourth from left) with Inquirer officers and other game participants from ad agencies. From left: Donald Lim and Rene Reinoso of Inquirer, Ruel de Vera of Sunday Inquirer Magazine, promo launch winner, Vitsi Tanjuakio of Ocampo's Fine Jewellery, Totits Adorable of Ace Saatchi, Pepito Olarte and Mylene de Jesus of Inquirer, Meanne Polk and Malou Divina of Mindshare, Apple Fontanilla and Jenny Rockwell of Inquirer.

SUNDAY Inquirer Magazine, a Sunday publication of the Philippine Daily Inquirer, launched its first-ever Diamond Be Mine promo in a "dive-for-a-diamond" event last August 16 at the Glorietta Activity Center in Makati City.

Toy Symphony started the night with numbers from its latest album. As TGIFriday's served cocktails to Inquirer advertisers and guests, Paolo Santos' fantastic voice – accompanied by his acoustic guitar – serenaded the audience. A fashion show featuring the Mossimo Red Issue primed the crowd for the real reason for the occasion.

Program hosts DJs Georgia and Anne of Wave 89.1 introduced the promo. Diamond Be Mine gives SIM readers the chance to dive a for a round, brilliant cut diamond to be set in a 14-carat white gold solitaire ring courtesy of Ms. Vitsi Tanjuakio, Managing Director of Ocampo's Fine Jewellery.

To the guests' surprise, it was announced that they, too, had the chance to go for it that very night. The Dive for a Diamond game produced one winner, Aida Vallido, media buyer of Maximize Philippines, who found the diamond. She said it was always her dream to have her own diamond solitaire ring.

SIM turned her dream into reality. Now, SIM can make yours real, as well. Read the Sunday Inquirer Magazine and make your dream come true, one page at a time.

The Sunday Inquirer Magazine showcases engaging, in-depth stories on real people from all sectors of society. The Dive for a Diamond event was made possible by Ocampo's Fine Jewellery (with branches in Robinson's Galleria, Robinson's Starmills, Ocampo's Mall Olongapo, Ocampo's Mall Balanga), co-presented by Mossimo and Wave 89.1, and sponsored by TGIFriday's, Hallmark, Pantene and Kleenex.

Acoustic guitarist Paolo Santos

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DIAMOND BE MINE

If you want to know how this diamond will look on your finger, you can cut out this picture and put it against your hand.

Or you can cut out the Diamond Be Mine entry form, answer the questions pertaining to some of the ads you can find in the Sunday Inquirer Magazine and send it to us for a chance to be one of our 27 weekly winners who would vie for one round brilliant cut diamond set on a 14 karat white gold solitaire ring in our grand draw on November 15, 2002.

PROMO MECHANICS: Diamond Be Mine

1. The promotion is open to readers of Sunday Inquirer Magazine nationwide.
2. For nine (9) consecutive Sundays (from September 1, 2002 to October 27, 2002) every Sunday Inquirer Magazine issue will have an entry form published on the second page asking questions about the advertisers on the Sunday Inquirer Magazine. Each week will feature a different set of questions.
3. Readers are tasked to correctly answer all four (4) questions using the ads that came out in the same issue as clues, and write their name, address, telephone number and affix signature on the spaces provided for in the entry form.
4. Entry forms must be placed inside a white legal size envelope and mailed to "Diamond be Mine" c/o Sunday Inquirer Magazine, Philippine Daily Inquirer Chino Roces Ave. cor. Yague and Mascardo Sts. 1231 Makati City. Each completed form serves as a single official entry during which three (3) winners will be drawn every week to receive the following:

   Philippine Daily Inquirer Gift Packs (jacket, mug, umbrella)

5. All entries for the [illegible] must be received by [illegible] Friday of the following week to qualify for the weekly draw to be held every Monday after the submission deadline. Only entries with complete [illegible]
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8. Raffle prizes are not convertible to cash.
9. Winners will be notified via registered mail and telephone. Names of the weekly winners will be published [illegible]
10. Winners can claim their prizes at the PDI office upon presentation of the notification letter and a valid ID [illegible]
11. Raffle prizes not claimed within 60 days from receipt of notification will be forfeited in favor of PDI with prior approval from DTI.
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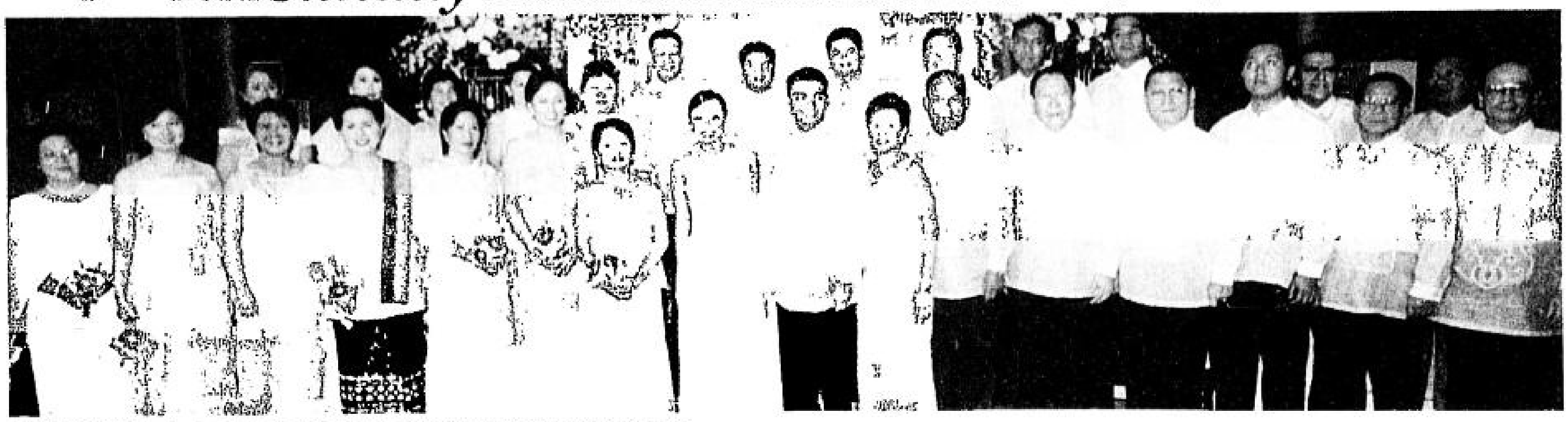

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MARK and
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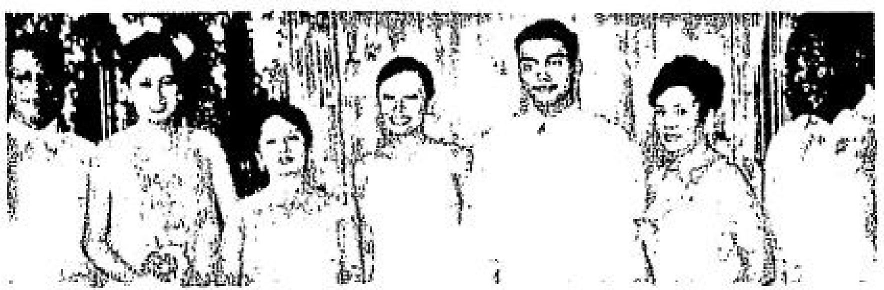
Love blooms far away from home



WITH THEIR parents, Col. Pedrito and Angeli Cadungog, Brenda Barredo and Jesus Rivera, and *ninang* Gloria

MARK Rivera and Mayi Cadungog were friends at the University of the Philippines Los Baños, where Mayi took up communication arts and Mark finished chemistry. At the time, they were involved with other people.

Fate, however, had other plans. After leaving the UPLB they both found themselves in Maryland, USA, just five minutes away from each other.

Mayi was finishing her Master's in Education at Loyola College while Mark was working as a forensic toxicologist at the American Medical Laboratories in Chantilly, Virginia. They often saw each other on weekends until the meetings became special for both of them.

Although they longed to tell each other how they really felt, Mark feared losing the special friendship they had while Mayi did not think he had feelings for her.

But Kathy, Mayi's best friend in the US, encouraged both to be open with each other.

Just when they were ready to admit how they felt, however, it was time for Mayi to return to Manila. Mark had to stay because of work. They promised to exchange e-mail and phone calls although they knew these would not be enough.

After six weeks of separation and almost a fortune in overseas calls, Mark finally decided to come home. He quit his high-paying job and sold his beloved car.

Mark proposed to Mayi upon his return and asked the permission of her parents, Col. Pedrito Cadungog, deputy group commander of the Presidential Security Group, and his wife Angeli Cadungog and Mayi's brother TJ.

On June 15, with the Malacañang Palace in the background, Mark and Mayi exchanged wedding vows. Mayi's dream of a perfect wedding came true.

Heading the list of principal sponsors was President Macapagal-Arroyo. Other sponsors were Secretary Alberto Romulo, Secretary Angelo Reyes, Secretary Roilo Golez, Michael Defensor, Taguig Mayor Sigfrido Tinga, Makati Vice Mayor Ernesto Mercado, Ernest Villareal, Brig. Gen. Hermogenes Esperon Jr., Alberto Villa-Abrille, Deri Grozman, Cesar Tejada, Valeriano Perez, Commissioner Andrea Domingo, Preciosa Soliven, Margaret Defensor, Aida Ciron, Roxanne Abiol, Roselyn Tagamolila, Teresita Tambunting-Liboro, Marichu Nepomuceno, Carol Brillante, Susan Roderos and Norma Lim.

Katherine Paray, Mayi's best friend, flew in from Chicago to be maid of honor. Mark's cousin, Nolan Myles Ricardo, was the best man.

Family and friends were all there. Mark's mother, engineer Brenda Barredo, and his sister, Joanne, flew in from Maryland. His father, engineer Jesus Rivera of San Miguel Corp. (SMC), made sure that relatives from Cebu and Dumaguete attended.

Reception was held at the new Philippine Army Officers' Clubhouse in Fort Bonifacio, adorned with white orchids from Singapore. The couple's fathers gave inspirational speeches. The mother of the bride and her group of Spanish enthusiasts performed the flamenco.

Milestones

LINGAO DEBUT

Marinel Sabile Lingao, daughter of **Marciano** and **Nilda Lingao** of Lodlod, Lipa City, will celebrate her 18th birthday on Aug. 31 at Bluroze Farms, Parks and Wildlife. The affair will be highlighted by a *cotillon de honor* choreographed by **Jun A. Magana**. The debutante is a legal management student at De La Salle-Lipa.

TINIMBANG DEBUT

Hazeline Cajucom Tinimbang, daughter of **Rolando** and **Lenore Tinimbang**, will celebrate her 18th birthday on Aug. 31 at the New World Renaissance Hotel, Makati City. A math sophomore at the De la Salle University, she will wear two gowns by **Farly de Castro**. **Art Abuel** of Music and Me is coordinating the affair.

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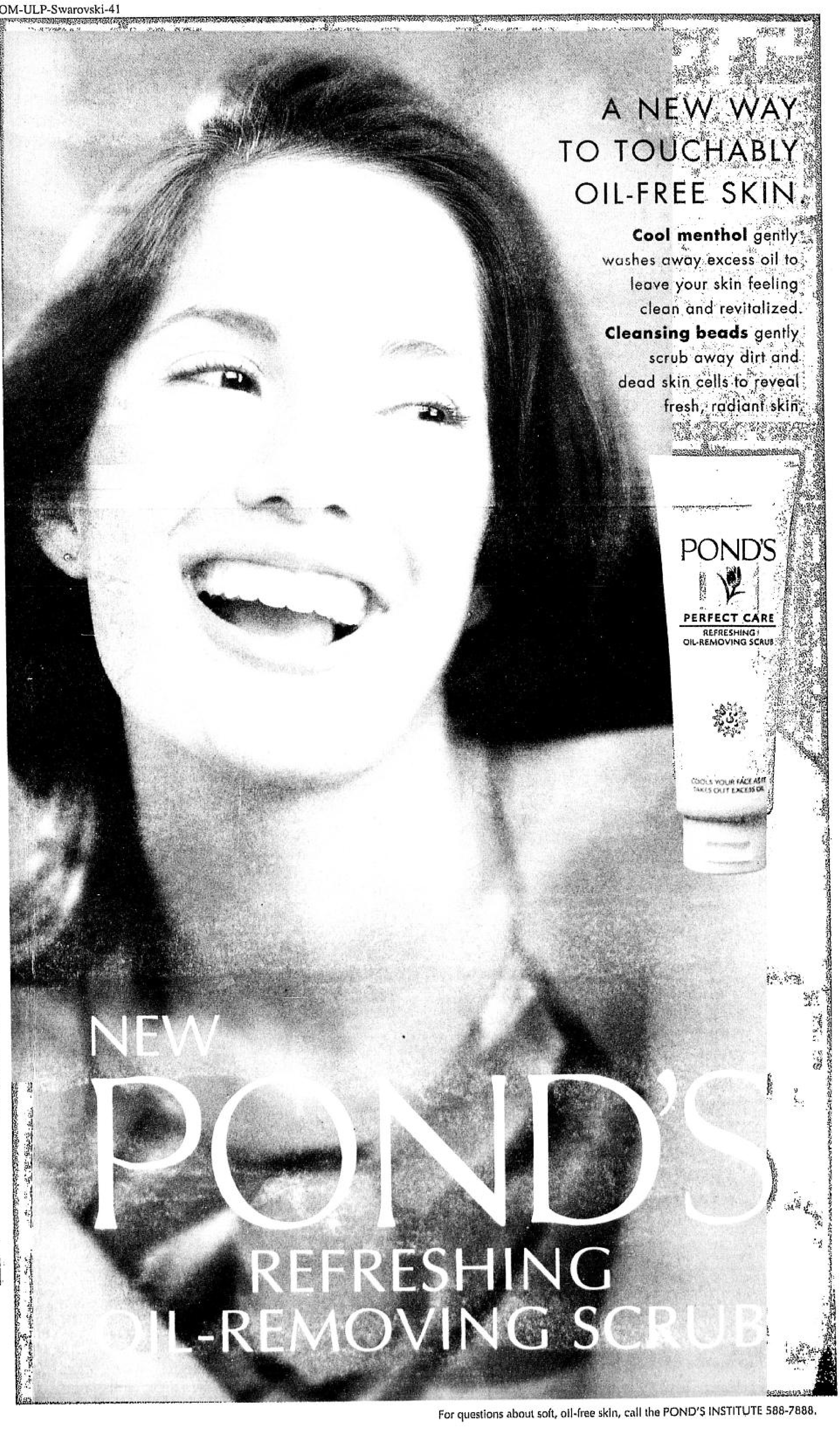

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TRAVEL

Rosario A. Garcellano, Editor

Dinagat, sentinel of the Pacific

Text and photos by Amadís Ma. Guerrero
Contributor

MEET DINA and Gat, the Romeo and Juliet of northeast Mindanao.

According to a legend handed down from generation to generation, Dina was a beautiful tribal maiden and Gat was a brave warrior from another tribe. They fell in love and became husband and wife.

Thus were the warring tribes united, and thus did the name of Dinagat come to be.

The island is not without historical significance. During World War II, US Gen. Douglas MacArthur was quoted as saying that Dinagat was one of "three island-sentinels guarding the (southern) Philippines from the enemies in the Pacific."

Dinagat is a big, seven-town island lying between Southern Leyte and Surigao del Norte, of which it is a part, within the newly formed Caraga region. As such, it is within the jurisdiction of Regional Executive Director Benjamin T. Tumaliuan and Provincial Officer Claudio P. Asumen of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

The island has a total land area of 80,205 hectares. Of these, 62,544 hectares are forestland in Loreto, Cagdiano and Tubajon, says my guide, forester Johnny G. Pagapong, whose wife Gemma is from Loreto.

In the forests grow the so-called "ironwood," the hardest species of wood. In the bowels of the island, which is a regulated mining area, lie deposits of gold, chromite, copper and nickel. The surrounding waters teem with marine life, including sharks.

There are bonsai gardens in Mt. Redondo, one of nine mountains. And the town of Basilica boasts a mountain lake amid granite walls, with the unprepossessing name of Babalu, which is recommended for adventure tourists.

Touted as our most beautiful island, it boasts craggy cliffs, wild foliage, islets—a host of natural wonders

It was Nicolas Rambeau, general manager of the Pansukian Tropical Resort in General Luna, Siargao, who first called my attention to Dinagat. It is even more beautiful than Siargao, he claimed.

A write-up on the Pansukian resort declares: "We are of the opinion that Dinagat is the most beautiful island in the Philippines. (It is) highly recommended for adventurous souls who love exploring undiscovered regions."

So is Dinagat the fairest isle in the country?

It's hard to say because we have so many beautiful islands in our archipelago, some of them near Siargao. But Dinagat is bigger and more pristine than Siargao, with more forest cover.

In fact, when it comes to natural resources Dinagat is well nigh unbeatable.

In the mountains can be found fauna endemic to Mindanao like the Bleeding Heart Pigeon, the Hornbill, and the Writhed Hornbill. Then there are fauna unique to Dinagat such as the Gymnure, the Cloud Rat, and the Hairy-tailed Rat.

Critically endangered species include the Philippine Cockatoo, Silvery Kingfisher and Philippine Eagle.

Mining and deforestation have exacted their toll on the mountains, and tracts of land have been cleared. As a result, the Haribon Foundation has started a project to preserve Dinagat's rich biodiversity, and unique flora and fauna.

Among those who have expressed support for the Haribon project is Loreto Mayor Andres I. Ladaga Jr., who has also launched a modest ecotourism program in his town.

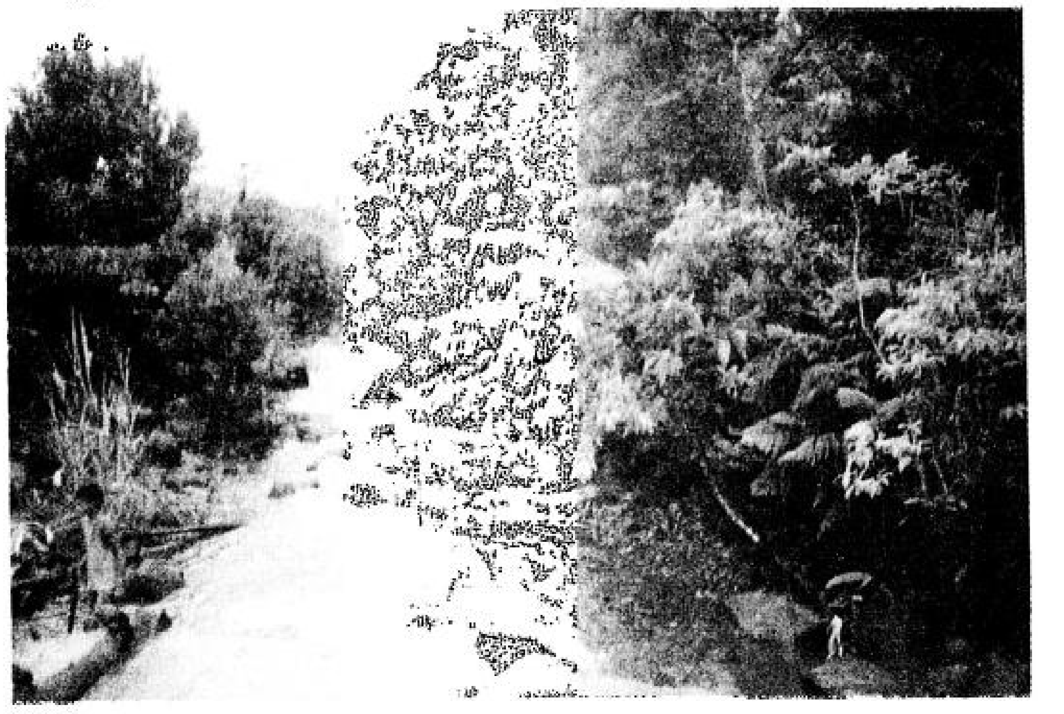
There are many areas in the island that are crying out for ecotourism development but investors are directing their attention to Siargao, which already has many resorts and amenities.

Another problem is transportation. There are no public utility buses and jeeps. The tricycle and pedicab are kings of the road in the *poblaciones* (town centers), but to go from one town to another you have to hire a motorcycle (good for three passengers). The rate is a minimum of P60 per trip, depending on the distance.

Perhaps because of the lack of amenities and investors, Dinagat does not figure prominently in the master plans of national and regional tourism officials. The Provincial Tourism Office, to its credit, has documented the island in terms of photos and some write-ups; otherwise, the emphasis is on Siargao, which is an international surfing center.

This is why Dinagat remains largely undiscovered by local and foreign tourists.

It is the municipalities that have seized the initiative as far as ecotourism is concerned. A number of local governments have built cottages—called "Bahay Turista"—in such strategic places as beaches.



TRIO of islets as viewed from the coast (top); Esperanza's cold spring waters

Surigao City, capital of Surigao del Norte, is the entry point to Dinagat. (WG&A Philippines SuperFerries 5 and 9 ply the Manila-Cebu-Siargao-Butuan route twice a week. The trip from Manila to Siargao takes about 32 hours; there are also small planes that fly from Cebu to Surigao three times a week.)

At Surigao Port, three ferryboats leave daily for the northern towns of Dumagat: Tubajon (P70 per passenger) and Loreto (P80 per). These are Denmar Shipping (6 a.m.), Leonida Lines (1 p.m.) and Borloloy Lines (1 p.m.).

In 45 minutes, the ferryboat is cruising along the southern part of Dinagat. And from the coastal areas unfold a splendid panorama of Mother Nature: craggy limestone cliffs and walls, wild foliage, islet upon islet (guardians of the Surigao Strait), rock formations, low-lying mountain peaks with varying contours, beach coves, caves, and thousands of coconut-palm trees.

I thought the ferryboat ride alone was worth the expenses incurred during the trip.

Our destination was Loreto (four-five hours from Surigao), but we disembarked at Tubajon. Then we—forester Johnny; Padre Carlo, a young Aglipayan priest based in Loreto; and myself—clambered upon a motorcycle (P60 for all three of us) for a brief but wild ride through rocky mountain roads.

The town of Loreto (then called Mabua) was founded by Boholano settlers in 1847, was razed by the occupying American forces in 1902, and reduced to the status of a barrio. It became a town again in 1919.

On Oct. 17, 1944, a US 5th Ranger contingent landed in Campintac Beach, about 10 kilometers from the town proper, to engage the Japanese forces. They were paving the way for the Leyte landing of General MacArthur, who had pledged to return to the Philippines although, as one wag I know put it, "nobody asked him to."

That Loreto landing may be just a historical footnote, but it is important as far as the locals are concerned. Oct. 17 is celebrated as a town fiesta. Two markers commemorate the event, and one main street is called Landing Avenue.

Campintac is also known as Black Beach because it was stained by the blood of American and Japanese soldiers. It is now a popular rest-and-recreation area for the locals, with picnic huts, a Friendship Hall, and a Bahay Turista—a modern, two-story building with six bedrooms.

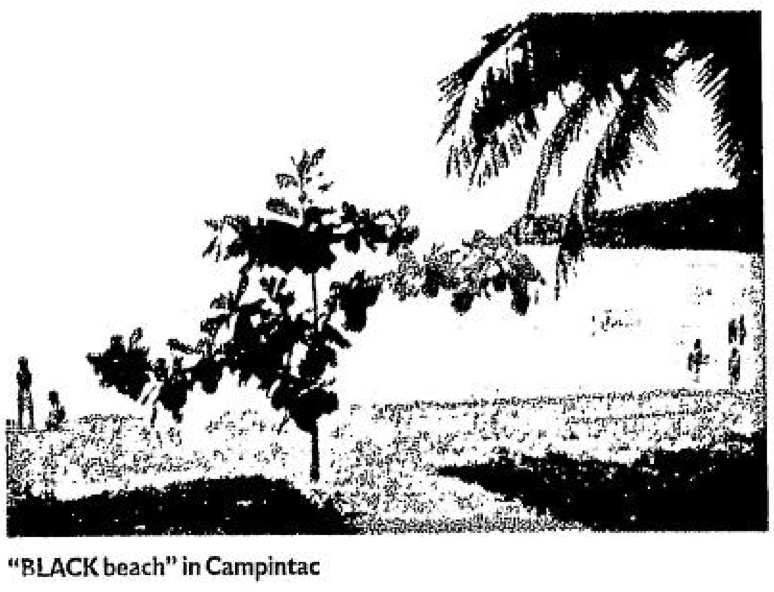
Another interesting place in Loreto is the Esperanza Natural Spring Resort, a charming nook. Amid a lush tropical setting, cold waters from a high, unseen waterfall cascade down the mountainside to form a smaller fall and a natural swimming pool that is ever flowing downwards.

There are picnic huts, and the ambience is cool and invigorating.

Much of the wild beauty of Dinagat, however, is found in its coastal areas, which appear to be inaccessible except by pumpboat.

So what you and your group can do (the bigger the group, the better the sharing of expenses) is to hire a pumpboat and cruise around the island, stopping at the numerous secluded beach coves to swim, snorkel and enjoy a picnic.

That, in my view, is the best way to appreciate Dinagat, island-sentinel of the Pacific.



"BLACK beach" in Campintac

TRAVEL BRIEFS

Mabuhay Miles

PHILIPPINE Airlines has launched its new frequent flier program, Mabuhay Miles, which aims to redefine the way PAL pampers its most loyal passengers.

The frequent flyer program and the airline's new information system have "put us on par with global industry standards," Joy Lynn M. Pasiliao, PAL assistant vice president for products, said in a statement.

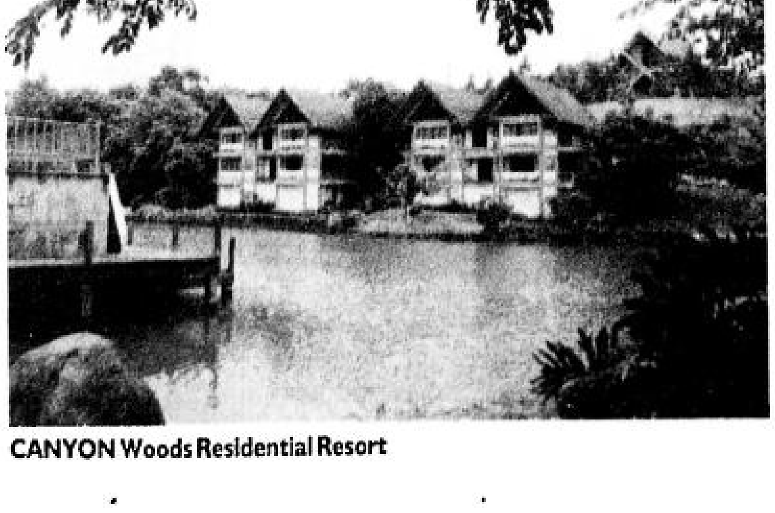
Mabuhay Miles was launched after two years of intense preparation, during which passengers' views, industry trends and the latest technological advances were considered and incorporated.

The program has lowered the minimum age requirement to two years, and allows instant enrolment via www.philippineairlines.com or through forms available at all worldwide PAL offices and accredited travel agencies. Enrollees get a temporary card with a lifetime ID number that they can immediately use to earn miles.

Members earn 150 percent and 175 percent of actual flown miles in Mabuhay (business) class and first class, respectively, on PAL flights to and from North America. On all other flights, members earn 100 percent, 125 percent and 150 percent of actual flown miles in economy class, Mabuhay class and first class, respectively.

The program also offers members more opportunities to earn miles through the Mabuhay Miles Visa card by HSBC, and through global Hertz Car Rental agencies. Members likewise earn miles by staying with partner hotels and resorts, including the Golden Tulip, Marco Polo, The Peninsula, Barcelo, Boracay Regency, Century Park Hotel, Days Hotel, Fridays Boracay, Maribago Bluewater, Pulchra, Shangri-La and Waterfront.

For more information, call (632) 818-0111 or e-mail mabuhaymiles@pal.com.ph.



CANYON Woods Residential Resort

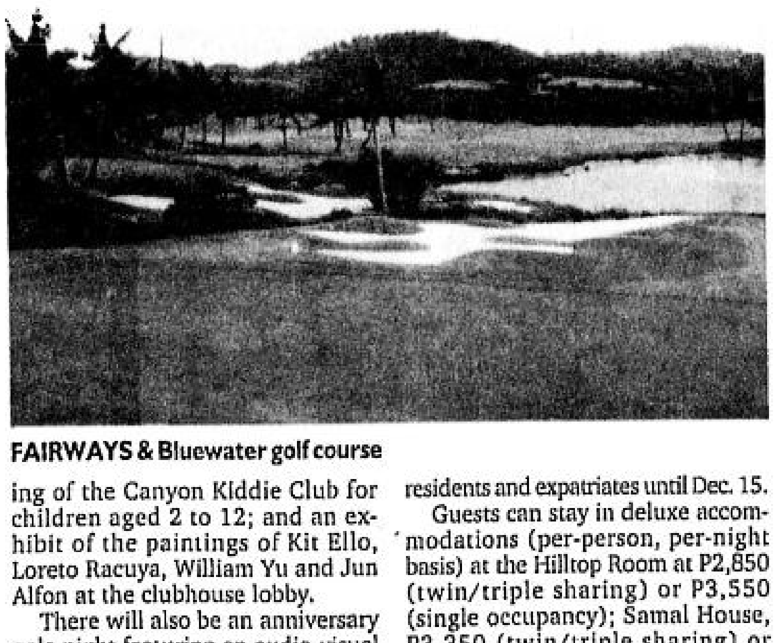
5th anniversary

THE CANYON Woods Residential Resort in Laurel, Batangas, will celebrate its fifth anniversary on Aug. 31 with a thanksgiving Mass at 7 a.m. at the Holy Name of Jesus Chapel.

Other activities for the day include an anniversary golf tournament to be kicked off by Canyon Woods president and CEO George S. Go and director Tony Villa-Real; blessing of the nature trail; launching of the Canyon Kiddie Club for children aged 2 to 12; and an exhibit of the paintings of Kit Ello, Loreto Racuya, William Yu and Jun Alfon at the clubhouse lobby.

There will also be an anniversary gala night featuring an audio-visual presentation of Canyon Woods, the welcoming of 200 new members and the announcement of the resort's expansion with the development of 125 more hectares.

There are now 300 homeowners in the resort's Phases I and II.



FAIRWAYS & Bluewater golf course

Getaway packages

YOU can find a perfect refuge in the Barcelo Pearl Farm Island Resort on Samal Island with its getaway packages offering special rates for local residents and expatriates until Dec. 15.

Guests can stay in deluxe accommodations (per-person, per-night basis) at the Hilltop Room at P2,850 (twin/triple sharing) or P3,550 (single occupancy); Samal House, P3,350 (twin/triple sharing) or P4,550 (single occupancy); or Mandaya House, P3,650 (twin/triple sharing) or P5,250 (single occupancy).

Groups of friends or entire families can stay at the Samal Suite and Malipano Villa, which are available at P4,500 per person per night for 3-5 persons and 6-8 persons, respectively.

On top of that, guests will enjoy one complimentary breakfast, lunch and dinner, round-trip airport and boat transportation service, and complimentary use of selected recreational facilities.

For reservations and more information, call the Manila sales office at 867-2951 or 867-2847, or fax at 867-1476. Guests may also make direct reservations through the interactive website of Barcelo Hotels and Resorts Asia-Pacific at www.barcelo-asia.com, where they will receive a confirmation notice within 24 hours.

Golf package

FAIRWAYS & Bluewater and Boracay Regency Beach Resort, the only AAA-rated establishment along Boracay's famous strip of white sand, are promising golfers the time of their lives through the Regency Golf Package.

Guests may choose from twin sharing (P5,950 per person), triple sharing (P4,985), or single occupancy (P9,500). The package covers three days and two nights in superior room accommodations, daily breakfast and dinner, one round of golf (18 holes, green fee only), and round-trip transfer (Caticlan-resort-Caticlan).

Additional fees are P200 per person for round-trip transfer via Kalibo and P300 per person for golf on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

The package is valid until Sept. 30. For inquiries, call (02) 523-8707 to 08.

KARINA Villegas-Locsin

JUDITH Pajaro at the wedding of Regine and Lander Vera Perez

REGINA Margarita Reyes-Cruz

DR. Menguita Padilla-Lopez

Fashion designer looks back on 25 memorable years

COUTURIER Judith Pajaro marks two milestones today—her 25th anniversary as a designer and her birthday.

The Golden Girl has more than enough reason to celebrate. She has not only been blessed with love and fulfillment in her personal life, but her creations have become a part of her clients' lovely memories.

Pajaro is one of the few fashion designers who have not succumbed to the lure of RTW (ready-to-wear). While custom-made clothes, especially for brides and debutantes, seemed to be going out of fashion, she continued to attract customers with her one-of-a-kind creations.

Strongly believing in tradition, she keeps it alive in her Filipiniana wedding and evening gowns, for instance, by using indigenous woven fabrics, exquisite embroidery and beading, and invoking the style and motifs of a historic or cultural era.

Mom's 'marriage survival manual'

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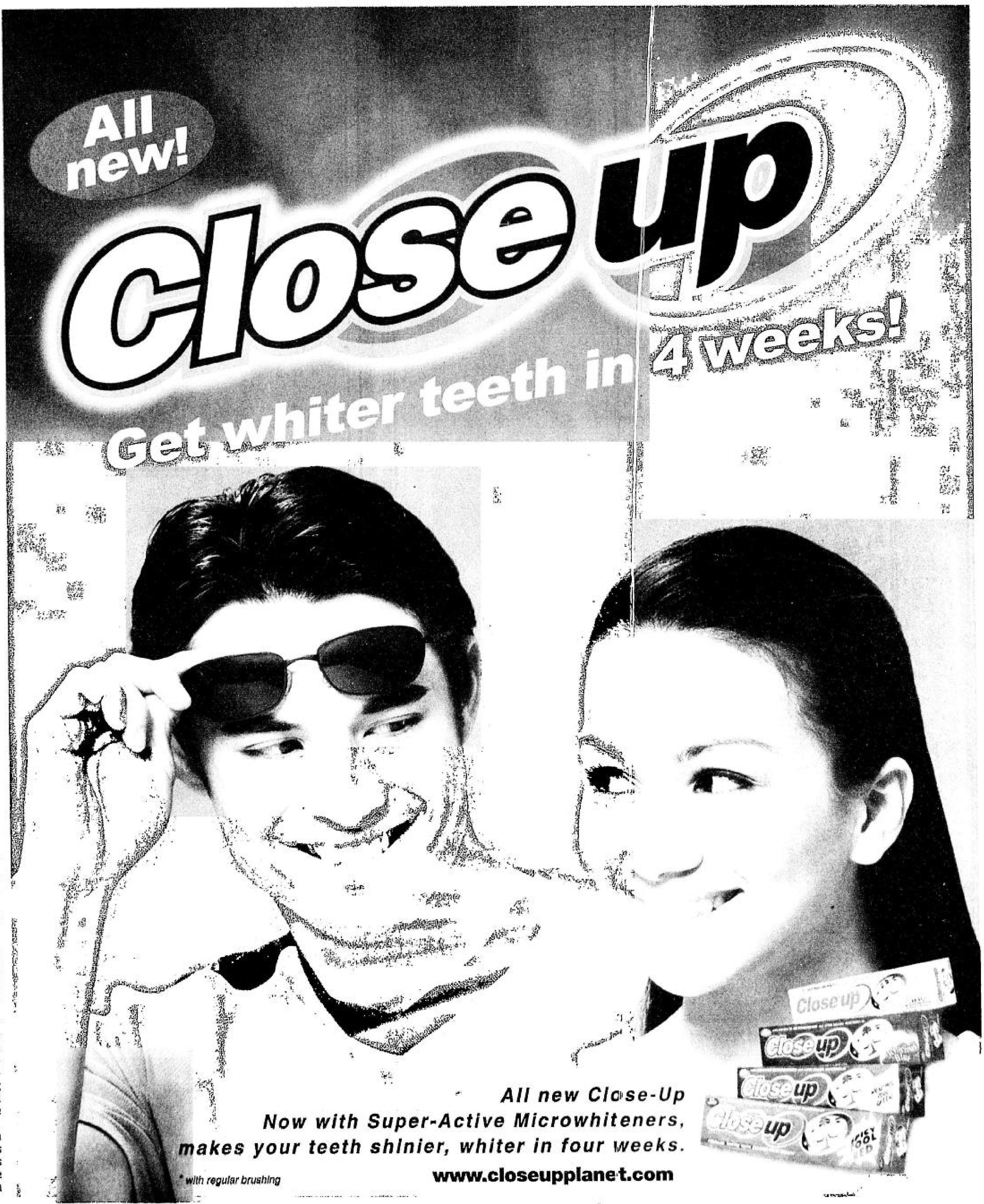
over the rough times, as a tangible symbol of motherly love. But you can earn your own b.s. money to provide you a way out if and when it becomes necessary. You must always have that.

Remember that, while money may not buy happiness, it can buy a few neat substitutes. Hold it not in awe or in disdain.

I hope your marriage will always present opportunities for growth, for nurturing your self-worth, for making you stronger and braver, for being the best that you can be.

I send you off with all my good wishes and good intentions and with the love that has always been there for you.



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Elegant altar date caps college romance

By Donnie C. Ramirez
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THEY met on the first day of class at the University of the Philippines in Diliman. They were to become, in his own words, "very good friends for six years and sweethearts for five years."

Finally on June 21, Roberto "Toby" Claudio Jr. and Ma. Lina "Babes" Concio were united as man and wife.

Toby recalls his proposal, "It was Babes' 28th birthday on Nov. 12 and there was a party. When all the guests had left and there were just the two of us, I popped the question."

The wedding was a simple and elegant affair solemnized by Fr. David J. Clay, MSSC, at the Santuario de San Antonio in Forbes Park. Babes was a radiant June bride in a dreamy creation designed by the talented Michi Calica-Sotto. Toby was dapper in a formal black suit.

Robert Blancaflor's 1816 Flowers decked the church and the Rigodon Ballroom of the Peninsula Manila with fresh blooms, while the Pasamba String Ensemble and Dr. Christian de los Reyes provided the music. Sugarcraft did the cake and Rita Neri was

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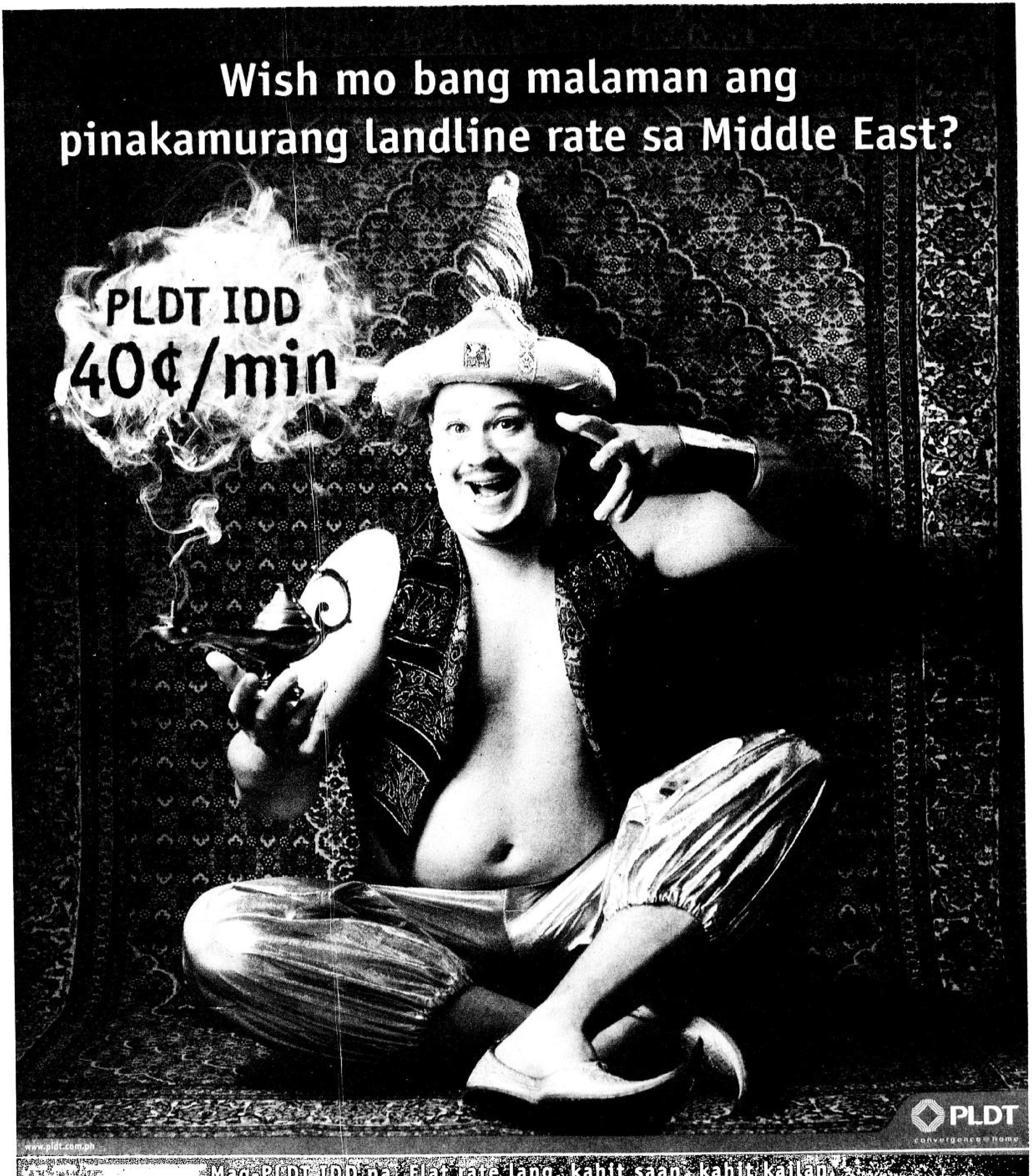
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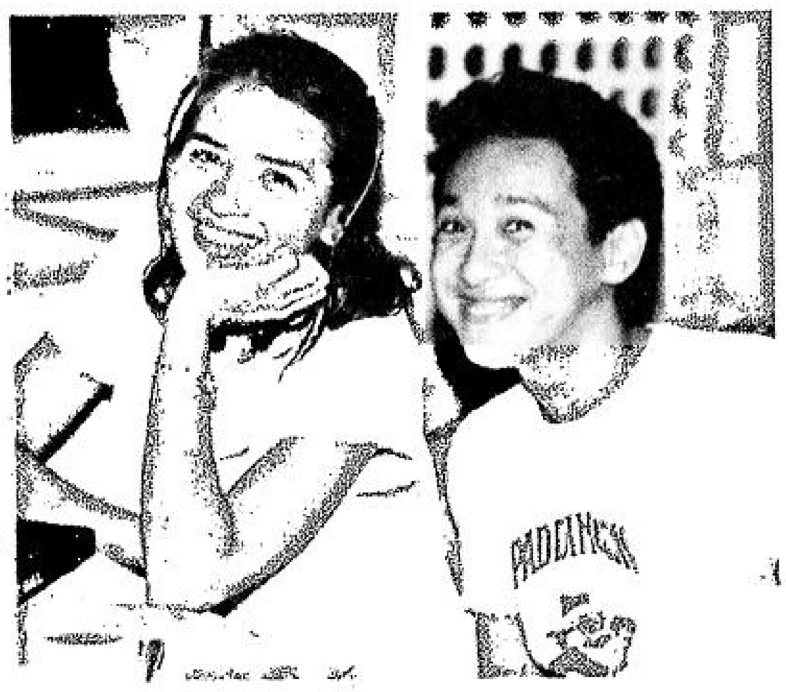

ZSAZSA Padilla and Louie Ocampo in the early '80s

It happened at the Tavern

By Jerome B. Gomez
Contributor

TO HEAR devotees say it, Tavern on the Square was like Studio 54. Except you paid your way in, there was very little dancing, and there were too many San Miguel beers on the tables. But the glamour, the electricity, the shoulder pads and parachute pants, the high-wattage star clientele, the next day's gossip that was exchanged in-between the clinking of martini glasses—they were all on the menu.

And the singing, did we mention the singing? The place was notorious for that. Only the best performed on its modestly low stage: Kuh, Zsazsa, Gary V., Martin, Celeste, Basil. And the bands: Music & Magic, Cicada, Something Special, Powerplay, that group of boys from IS called Overdrive, Cappuccino and Rage Band, the duo composed of the perennially mini-skirted and flat-booted Marissa Buñag, and the perennially mullet-sporting Juan Miguel Salvador.

It was the '80s, and if you could make it at Tavern on the Square, you could, well, as many show bands did then, put that in your resumé.

In those days, people had only two choices of basements: the Makati Med's or the LPL Building's at the Greenbelt area, where Tavern occupied a 700-sq-m space. The latter, which could accommodate up to 300 guests, was the more popular choice—especially on weekends. It was not just the mecca of live entertainment back then; it was also the music industry's melting pot, its dining area the meeting place of concert directors, musical directors, writers and producers. Everyone who was anyone in the music industry was there.

Everyone who was anyone, period. Teddy Boy Locsin standing in line to watch a show, Imee Marcos reserving a seat for the Earl Klugh one-night-only, her mom Imelda who had insomnia and had nowhere else to go, Nikki Coseteng and Butz Aquino seated beside each other, and, oh, on one Music & Magic show, Joseph Estrada sitting beside Nora Aunor. How time flies!

Power lunch

Fast forward to 2002. It's a busy high noon at the new restaurant Sentro on the second level of the Greenbelt 3. Busier still, on the same floor, a few steps away, is the construction of the new Tavern on the Square, slated to open next month. At Sentro, around the lunch table, are the people crazy enough to bankroll this revival. Everyone's talking, everyone's excited; the atmosphere of anticipation is louder than the sound of silvers on the plates—or cell phones ringing.

As much as the subject on hand is the '80s, specifically the glory days of Tavern, 1982-86, it is only fitting that we call this a power lunch. And why not? On the leftmost is Chit Juan, the very no-nonsense CEO of the Figaro chain of cafés. Immediately across her is Wyngard Tracy, Maricel Soriano's manager and, yes, Side A's, too. Beside her is Sandra Chavez. Who does she manage? Sharon Cuneta *lang naman*. In front of Sandra, Girlie Rodis is fiddling with her Nokia 7650—the one you can take pictures with. GR, as she is known in the business, is incidentally on top of iAyala's latest entertainment venture, TalentWorks Asia, a talents and events production agency. Beside Girlie sits the very unassuming Rene Cruz, the best lights and sound engineer there is—at least if you ask Pops Fernandez and Regine Velasquez. Juan, Tracy, Chavez, Rodis and Cruz are the frontlining owners, the power, the money and the talent behind the new Tavern on the Square. More illustrious names have also chipped in their shares but, as of press time, these are the five who are out and proud.

While all of them are bona fide Tavern fixtures (Cruz credits it as his training ground), Juan and Chavez were the ones who put up the original Tavern, with another friend from UP, Rose Alberto. Juan was already into hotel

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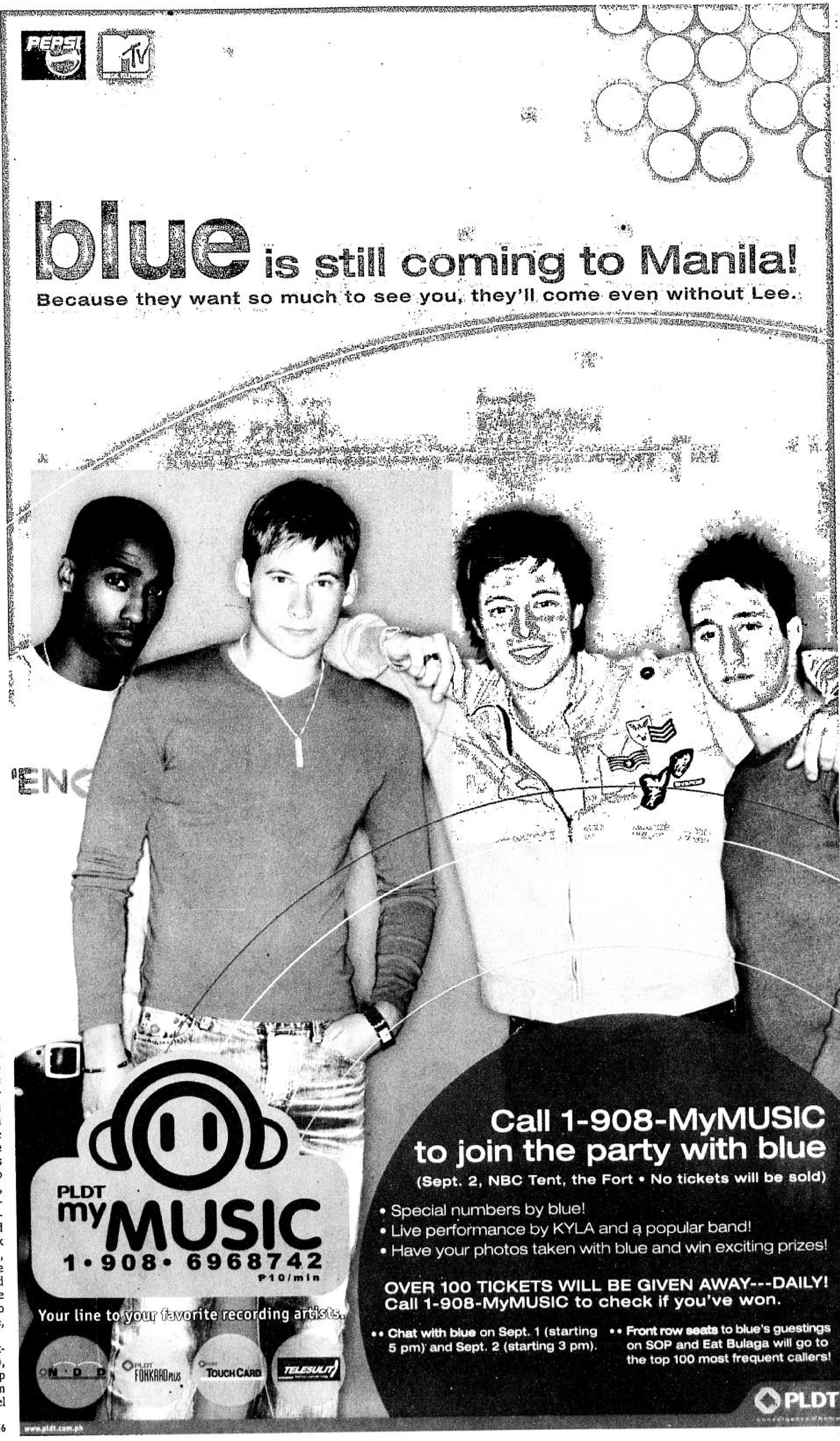

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Pacific Islanders tap tradition to renew environment

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the Pacific islands' traditional controls).

According to Yimnang Golbuu of the Palau International Coral Reef Center, his country's marine resources were put under a lot of strain by overfishing and overharvesting, direct habitat destruction and types of fishery, among others. "Some areas are overharvested due to modern fishing methods. Where before it took them a long time to catch a few fish, now they catch more in less time and are also able to travel farther."

Pio Radikedike, a project field officer in Fiji, one of the bigger Pacific island groups both in land area and population (more than 800,000), said, "New generations found many species were almost gone due to population growth and the increased demand for marine resources as food and marketable commodities."

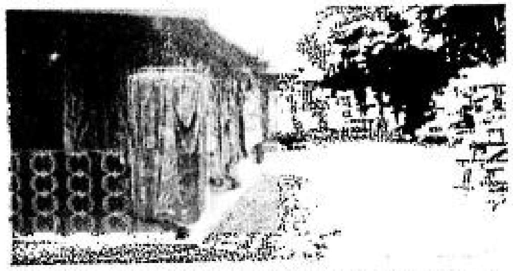
Alifereti Tawake of Fiji's University of the South Pacific (USP) pointed out that a primary issue that had to be addressed in getting people and communities to participate in the protection and conservation of marine resources was the lack of alternative sources of income.

Radikedike said in Fiji, at least, the bigger land area offered alternative livelihoods when the ocean was inaccessible. For other island groups, ecotourism has been an important fallback. Golbuu says that in Palau, ecotourism in a dive site brings in some $2.8 million every year while in Guam, coral reef-related activities earn about $84 million a year. "It may be a better deal to have fish swimming in the water than to sell it as food or [an item] for the aquarium… for then it will 'earn' over and over again," he notes.

Full engagement

Tawake said fully engaging communities in the conservation effort meant involving them in the development and implementation of a resource management plan. Community members participate in the identification of issues and in drawing up solutions. They also do the monitoring to make sure the restrictions are observed.

COOK dancers put on a show for the Saturday crowd at the Punanga Nui Cultural Market. The islands' dancers are reputed to be the best in the South Pacific although there are others partial to those from neighboring Tahiti, the French territory.



COLORFUL sarongs and pareus hang in a stall in the Cooks' cultural market.

IN THE COOKS, many graveyards are in the compounds of ancestral homes so foreigners, who cannot own land but can get long-term leases, often have to accept the property with dead family members "in residence." This graveyard is in the middle of the parking lot of a resort hotel.

JOSH Mitchell of the Cook Islands Ministry of Marine Resources, Ben Ponia of the Secretariat of the Pacific Community in New Caledonia, and Gerald McCormack of the Cooks' Heritage Project brief visiting foreign journalists on the implementation of *raui* and the islands' indigenous marine species. Behind Mitchell is a local dive instructor.

Former teacher Tamara Nui Mataipo, a Cook Islands traditional community leader, said, "There was initial resistance from the young generation [when *raui* was declared] because they (young people) did not know what [the restriction] is about: They did not realize that fish was bigger before. But after they were educated on [its benefits], they accepted the restrictions." Schoolchildren were especially targeted by the education campaigns and they often were the ones who persuaded their parents of the need to conserve resources by observing the *raui*.

Mataipo also stressed the need to have a plan ready for implementation when the *raui* was lifted and the forbidden area was reopened.

Despite the initial resistance to the imposition of traditional controls, there did not seem to have any doubts in the minds of most Pacific islanders that *raui*, *bul* or *tabu* would eventually be accepted and observed. "Conservation has long been observed in the Pacific," proclaimed Faleomavaega Eni Hunkin, who represents American Samoa in the United States Congress.

Idechong said conservation practices in the Pacific were transferred orally from generation to generation. Joeli Vietayaki of USP said *raui*, *tabu* or *bul* represented traditional "wisdom." Existing for centuries, it was meant to protect and preserve resources for future generations.

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MANILA FLIPS OVER REX NAVARRETE

Rex Navarrete, the stand-up comedian who has made waves in the US, brought the house down recently in his first performance at the Mandarin Oriental Ballroom. Manila's most influential and respected personalities gathered at the Mandarin primarily for the launch of Jessica Zafra's Flip, the Official Guide to World Domination. Sen. Juan Flavier, Ayala CEO Jaime Augusto Zobel de Ayala, Finance Sec. Lito Camacho and multiawarded actor Joel Torre were among those who came to welcome the new magazine. Copies of Flip were given away at the launch event, and, prior to that event, to a select mailing list.

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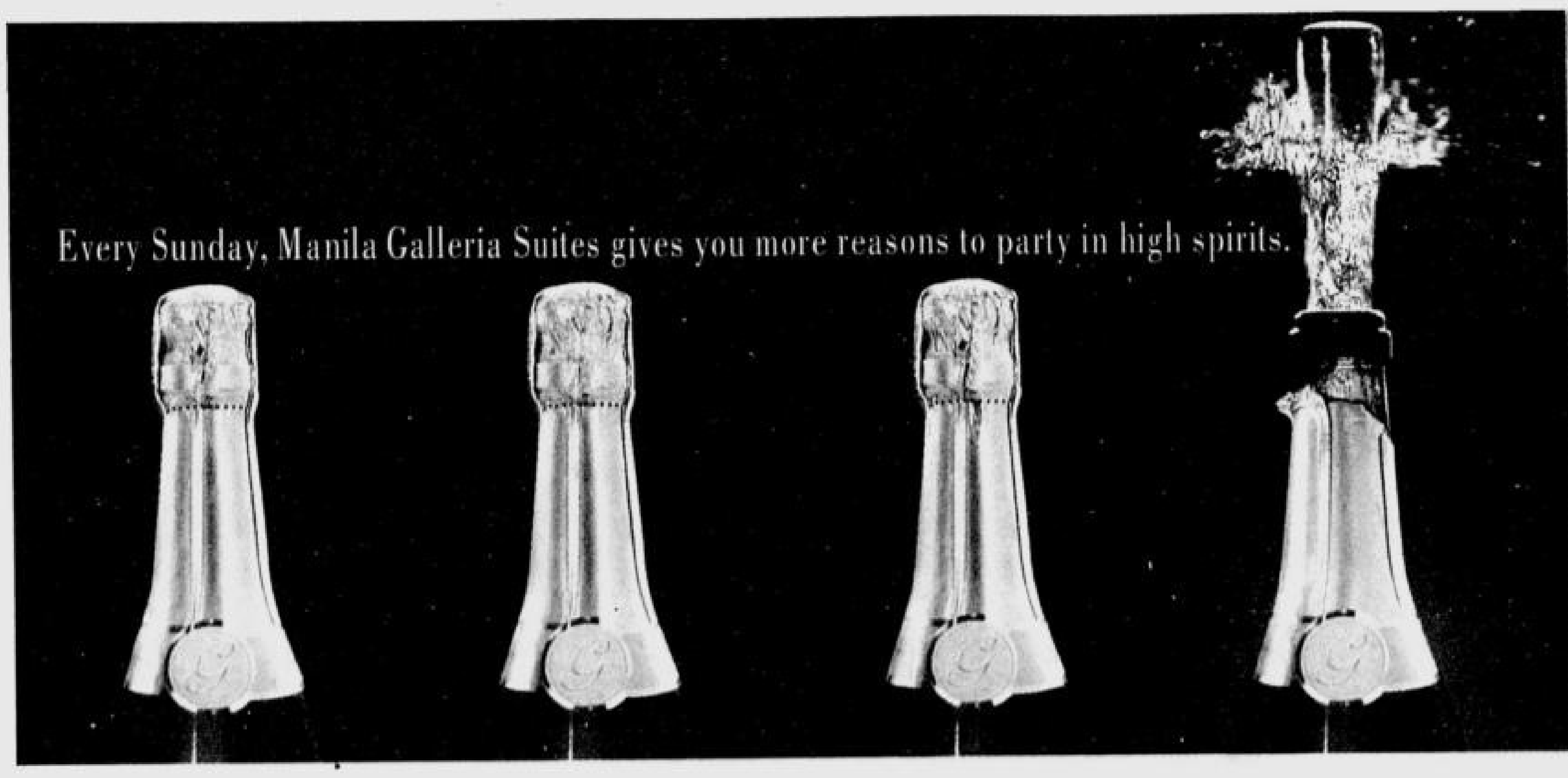
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GMA attends opening of new glitzy mall

HENRY Sy Sr. with Lourdes Montinola

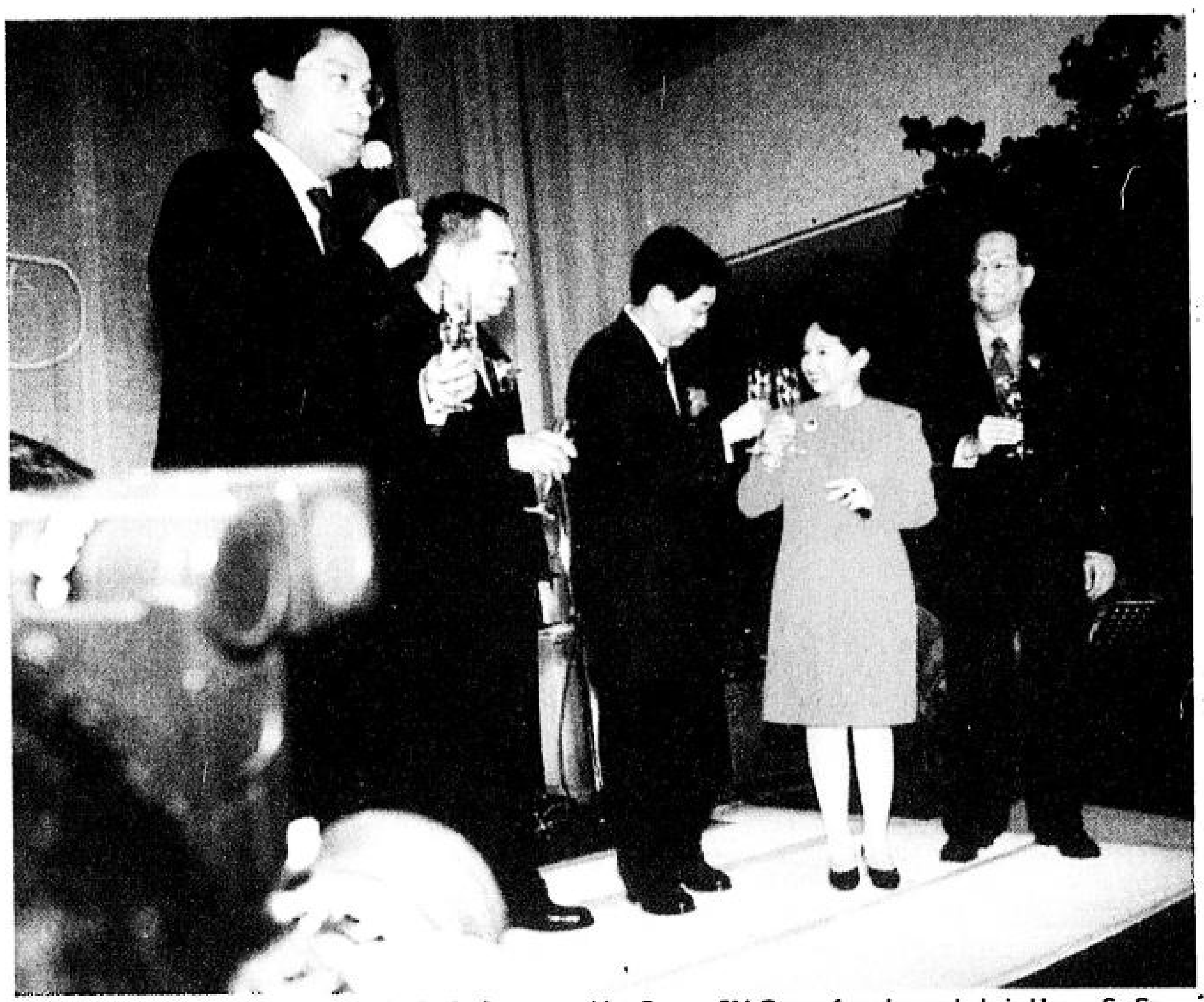
PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo was the guest of honor during the launch of The Podium, the new upscale mall in the Ortigas Center.

A joint venture between the SM Group and the Keppel Group of Singapore, the launch coincided with the Philippine-Singapore Business Conference in Manila.

President Macapagal-Arroyo, with SM Group founder and chair Henry Sy Sr., Keppel Group executive chair Lim Chee Onn, Singaporean Ambassador Jacky Foo and Trade Secretary Mar Roxas popped a champagne bottle to mark the occasion. A laser and pyro show and toasts followed.

For the launch, The Podium was decorated in a style influenced by Philippe Starck—draping, the play on lights, whimsical details. Colors used were black, white, chrome and magenta.

Guests were greeted by a wall of strobe lights and presented with a magenta flower. After the opening ceremony, they listened to songs by Richard Tann, who planned the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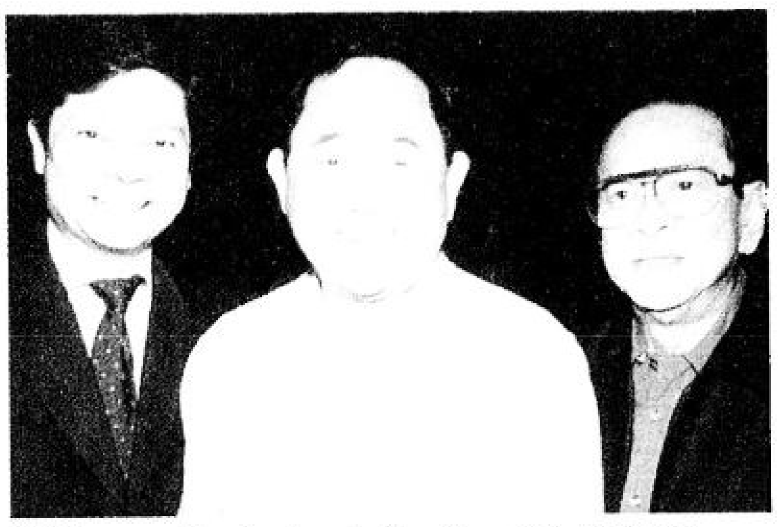
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event, and Leah Navarro, who hosted the affair.

The upscale mall has five levels and a total floor area of 27,974 sq m. It has six basement levels of parking.

The mall's design is functional and innovative. The exteriors are meant to be eye-catching and inviting. Outdoor spaces for cafés, bars and restaurants, which include Casa Armas, Pagliacci, Steak Factory, Dome Café, Café Breton, UCC, Starbucks, were provided to create a relaxed, al fresco atmosphere.

A monumental archway with an intersecting glass canopy highlights the main entrance to the mall. The ground floor of The Podium features a long curve of shop fronts, leading to the central escalators. A brightly lit central atrium space with a skylight is the centerpiece of the second floor.

Retail floors consist of two large oval courtyards interconnected by the central escalator node. Some of the shops at The Podium are Girbaud, Arrow, People R People, Mphosis, Tintoretto, CK Underwear, Just G, Bayo, Naf Naf, Fubu, Braun Buffel, Samsonite, Tie Square, Jack Nicklaus, Buffalo David Bitton, Jessica, Episode.

Also at the mall are shoe stores like Lacoste Footwear, Nunn Bush, CMG, Rockport, Shoe Salon, Dexter, G.H. Bass and Allen Edmonds, as well as specialty stores like Montre, Les Lunettes de Paris, Optical Works, Goldworks, G-Factory, Humor Post, Jigsaw Shop; home stores like Shell Canvas, Steltz, Teka, Artesian Waterworks; health and beauty stores like Watsons and Beauty Bar; and salons like Prestige and Hairbytes.

The Podium has several sports shops like Nike Park, Speedo, Arena, And 1, Bridgestone Golf, Rudy Project and Finix. Restaurants include Café Mediterranean, Yaku, Mini Shabu-Shabu, Banana Leaf, Kublai's, Burgoo, Pinoy Don, Kitaro, NYPD, Thai in a Box, Subway, Goodies N Sweets, Cheesecake Etc., Figaro, Cinnabon, Delifrance, and billiard bars like Elbow Room.

Also at the mall are telecom shops like The Hub, Smart Wireless Center, Alfa 1, Semicon, computer shops like Data Blitz, and audio-video specialty stores like Astrovision Plus and The Soundroom. When completed, the mall will have about 100 shops and food outlets.

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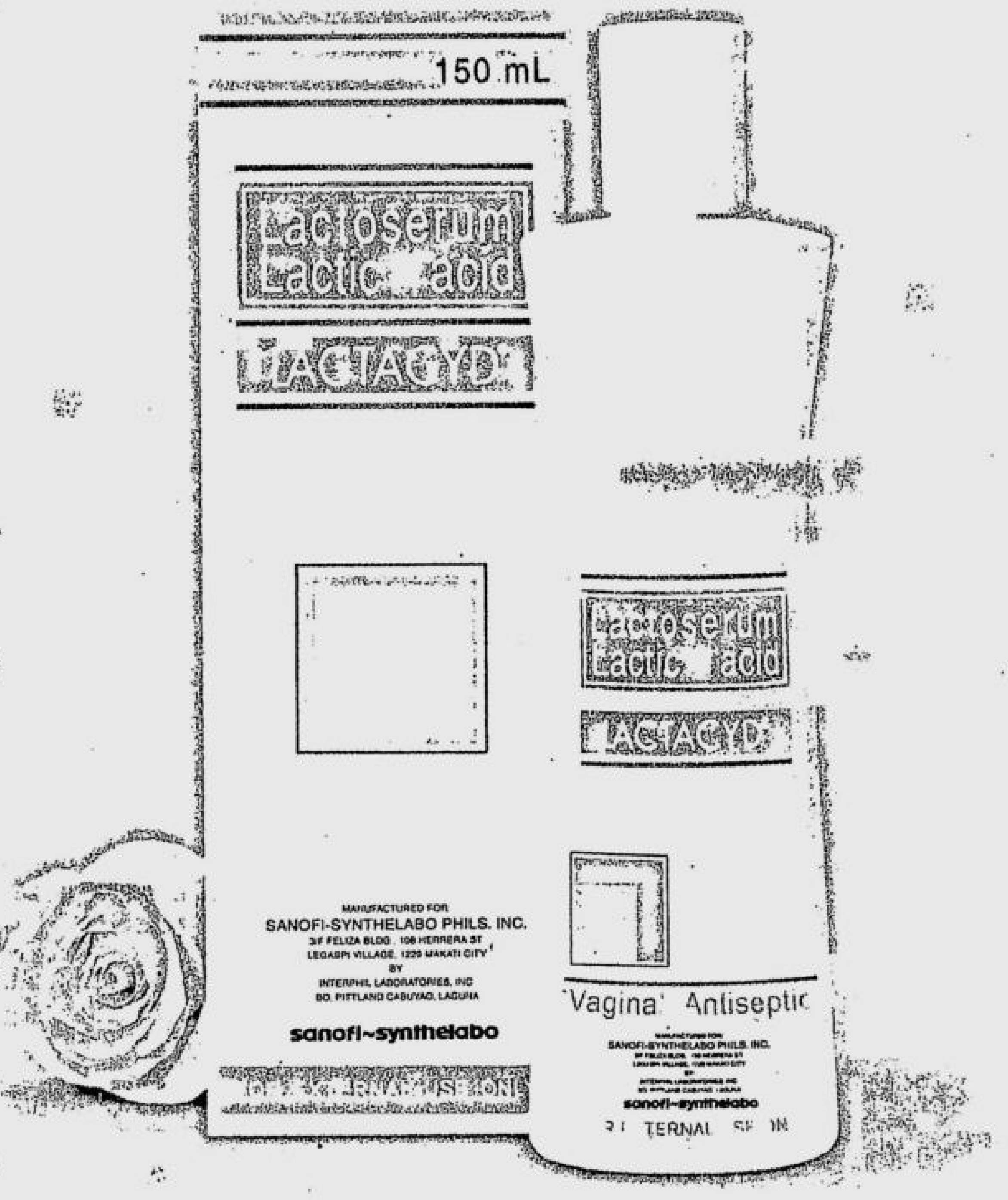
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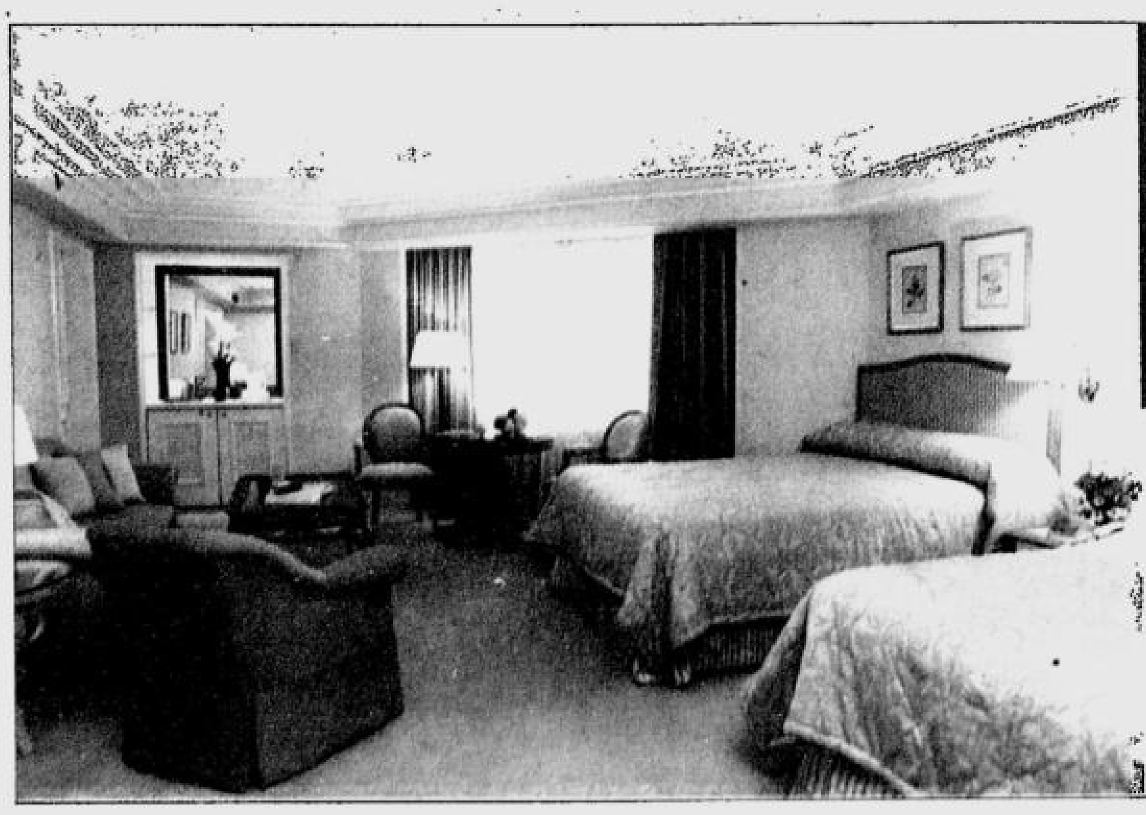

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ANGELI Pangilinan, Gina Valenciano, Ida Ramos, Sandra Chavez and Girlie Rodis 20 years ago

SANDRA Chavez, Rene Cruz, Wyngard Tracy, Chit Juan and Girlie Rodis today

It happened at the Tavern

Tavern on the Square, the mecca of live entertainment in the '80s, is back to keep the music playing

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and restaurant management in the first years of the '80s, and Chavez was the manager of Gary Valenciano, ZsaZsa Padilla, Kuh Ledesma and the Music & Magic, and Alberto, whose family owned the Regent of Manila, was into developing concepts and design. "I guess you can call us mavericks then—*ang lakas ng loob namin*," says Chavez. "It was a synergy of people who wanted to do something outside of the hotel entertainment circuit. We wanted to explore that untapped area."

Additional attractions

Before Tavern, it was Kalesa at the Hyatt, El Camarote at Holiday Inn and Cusco Lounge at the Ramada. When Tavern opened, it added certain attractions to the live entertainment circuit such as a restaurant, an outdoor café and a souvenir shop inside. It did not have the stuffy atmosphere of a hotel, but the more tempting, arcane feel of a building basement. It also charged a minimum coverage fee of P75—a big deal during that time.

The new "in place" started drawing the crowds by featuring Music & Magic and Something Special. The staple soloists were Gary V. during his derby-hat days, and Zsazsa Padilla. While their own records were already topping the radio countdowns, they were still getting P600 for a night's performance at the new music lounge. "*Mayabang kami, eh*," says Chit. "You're not good if you haven't played at Tavern. We would audition bands that really just wanted to get on our stage because of what it meant to perform there. So *kahit ilagay namin sila sa* Monday or Tuesday slot, *payag sila*. At *kahit ilan sila, payag sila sa* P1800 starting pay."

The meager talent fee didn't stop the forming of new groups that wanted to perform there. "A lot of people started at the Tavern," says Chit. "It was like a training ground, a laboratory, a university." Mon Faustino and Jo Ramos' Powerplay were born at the Tavern. Back-up vocalists who wanted to be on the forefront for a change became The Opera. When vocalist Rodel Gonzales left the FM Band, the guys got a certain Joey Generoso and changed their name to Side A. "*Pero ang pila kapag* Rage Band! I had to make priority numbers," Chit remembers.

ZSAZSA Padilla and Sharon Cuneta on stage at the Tavern

KUH Ledesma, Chit Juan and Rene Hinojales

BASIL Valdez and Celeste Legaspi

While there were performers like Rage who enjoyed a pumped-up, drunken, rowdy crowd, there were those who didn't want any unnecessary noise whatsoever. "*Pag* show *ni* Celeste (Legaspi), *hindi puwedeng mag*-serve *ang mga* waiter," Chit recalls. "*Unang-una, kailangan bansot ang mga* waiter *sa harap. Bawal magsalita, bawal kumuha ng* order. *Daming bawal*." Celeste, like Jose Mari Chan and Basil Valdez, only had a few shows at the Tavern. Jomari and Basil were also very particular about the sound system.

Nevertheless, they were welcome to party, watch shows, hold their meetings there. "I don't know what it is, but it felt like the whole music industry was drawn to that place. Everybody just felt part of it," says Sandra. "*Doon kasi sila nakakahanap ng* gigs," says Chit. "*Kailangan mo ng* musical director, *nandun si ano, kailangan mo ng* production assistant, *walang ginagawa si ganito, ayun siya. Doon nakakabuo ng* shows in one sitting.

There were no cell phones yet, or electronic pagers, but if you were looking for a musician, you'd probably find one at the Tavern. No matter that the big concert for the weekend was at the Ultra or the Folk Arts or the Araneta, the cast party was always at the Tavern. Both winners and losers at the Metropop would go straight there.

Call time

At 6 p.m., they would start trickling in. Sharon Cuneta would watch rehearsals. Gary V. would "make *telebabad*" at the reception area. Before the singer Paula Luz died, she would often be seen at Tavern. And, to top it all, in 1983, it was to an audience of her music-industry family that Kuh Ledesma would announce she was six months on the family way.

On its two-seater tables, or in its oh-so-conducive couches, surrounded by Tavern's French-Moroccan inspired setting, not only contracts were verbally signed, or repertoires finalized, concerts born, but romance blossomed, artists swapped managers, relationships went sour, all before the last call.

Wyngard Tracy, who would bring Basil and groups like Centerfold and Cover Girls to perform at Tavern, witnessed many of these. "Angeli (Pangilinan of Music and Magic) used to be with Butch Elizalde (guitarist of the group) then," Wyngard relates. "*Nag*-split *sila*, then Gary entered the scene. Butch went to Mariness Carvajal (now Elizalde), a talent manager *na nag*-discover *kay* Rene Cruz in the sound department. Sandra began as Gary's manager and then, of course, it became Angeli. The place was so intimate. Everybody knew each other."

PAT Castillo, Wyngard Tracy and Sandra Chavez

"Wyngard was The Godfather from the very beginning," according to Chavez, "the No. 1 live entertainment manager then. He was not only a manager. He was a manager of relationships, *tinatakbuhan ng* entertainers both for work and for personal problems. He was both a terror and adviser, *talagang may* soft spot."

"Those were our hedonistic days," Wyngard recalls. "And Tavern was not just for musicians, *lahat nandun*, the show biz crowd, the fashion people, alcoholic, media people. It was the mecca."

And when the mecca finally closed its doors in 1986 after the Edsa Revolution, "it seemed like somebody died," says Chit. It had been a heady four years, and Edsa woke everyone up from their happy hangovers. Nobody knew what was up, not even perhaps the building owner. "They wanted to increase our rent to an outrageous amount," recalls Chit. It was time to move on. In the years to come, friends from the old days would often ask them when they would bring Tavern back.

Homecoming

Back to the power lunch, 2002. On the far end of the table is Angeli Pangilinan, who just happened to drop by for lunch. Not crazy enough as the other five to buy a share at the new Tavern, but excited enough to, on the spot, promise Gary V. for opening night. At the height of the old Tavern, as a member of the Music and Magic, she used to shake her shoulder pads as back-up to Kuh singing "Sugar Pie, Honey Bunch"; she's now Gary's wife and manager, while handling Donita Rose on the side.

Just to illustrate how powerful this lunch is, Regine Velasquez's name is brought up. She was already Regine at the latter days of Tavern, but nobody remembers if she performed there or not. Can she block her calendar for opening night? Rene unceremoniously makes a quick phone call, and not too long after that, quietly announces that Regine is a yes.

Later, at the corridor just outside the tightly secured San Miguel rehearsal hall in Ortigas, Chit, GR and Rene decide to pay their close friend Sandra a surprise visit. It is her birthday, but since Sharon's Mega Event is due at the Araneta in the next weekend, she's working. "This is literally the corridor of power," she says. And again, why not? Sharon Cuneta's there looking at the photos of the old Tavern days. She spots Rowell Santiago in one ("*Mula noon hanggang ngayon, pinag-iisipan ka pa rin*," says Louie Ocampo), Jett Montelibano in another ("Secret crush *ko 'yan nung araw*," Mega says) and finally herself, in a special appearance in friend Zsazsa Padilla's show. "*Hindi*, 18 *ako nyan, bago ako magpakasal*. Wise *ako eh, sinigurado ko munang magde*-debut *ako bago magpakasal*," Sharon recalls.

Those were indeed the days. Crazy days when they were young enough to use youth as an excuse. Weren't we all young and unjaded before Sharon married Gabby? When Zsazsa was singing about living in the moment, no matter what, in "Kahit Na." When we were asking the same question as Kuh Ledesma's anthem of the '80s, "Dito Ba?"

But for a *musikero* looking for his place under the sun, all roads led to the Tavern. There, the very young Louie Ocampo always felt at home. Starting out as a musical director then, he was famously in love with a singer named Joey Albert, whose unrepentantly sentimental songs consistently topped the charts. Louie wrote those songs.

But she would break his heart and he would drown his sorrows in beer at the Tavern. In between, he would be fooling around with the crowd, flashing his grin like a little boy. These days, when golf putters have taken the place of beer bottles, Louie recently felt crazy enough to buy a share at the revival of his former second home. Why? "Because it's my family," he says, "my roots are there, my footprints."

Rides at half the price

DREAM Town, a fully air-conditioned amusement center at the 3/L of Robinsons Place Manila featuring modern entertainment facilities, offers a valuable promo, "Fifty-Fifty Deal", until Aug. 31.

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Dream Town's location provides easy access, convenience and security. Customers can enjoy its attractions rain or shine.

Dream Town is managed by Robinsons Recreation Corporation (RRC), which also operates popular entertainment centers like Dreamscape in Robinsons Galleria, and Dream Zone in Robinsons Place Imus, Robinsons Place Metro East, Robinsons Starmills Pampanga and Robinsons Place Iloilo.

PNU marks 101st year with symposia

WITH the theme "Partnership and Collaboration in Teacher Education," the PNU's centennial celebration formally ends on Aug. 30-Sept. 7 with a series of academic forums highlighting the critical role teacher education in the 21st century.

The highlights of the celebration include two symposia: forum on "Teacher Education Beyond PCER" with speakers like Sen. Tessie Oreta, CHED Chair Ester Garcia, Cocopea Fr. Roderick Salazar, Dr. Rosita Navarro, Dr. Dionisia Rola, Dr. Enrique S. Coralejo, Bro. Andrew Gonzales, Mr. Aniceto Sobrepeña; and a forum on literacy with the following speakers: Sen. Santanina Rasul, Catherine Young of The Summer Institute of Linguistics, Ed de la Torre, Dr. Bonifacio Sibayan, Dr. Florangel Braid and Dr. Jesus Ochave. Other activities include hosting of Campus Diva Search sponsored by ABS-CBN, Open House and Exhibit, University Convocation on Partnership and Collaboration, PNU Youth Day and Sayawit program.

A fellowship lunch for faculty and staff will also be held where newly elected officers of the Faculty Association will be inducted by Dr. Rosas. The following are: Dr. Guillermo Q. Roman, president; Prof. Felicia I. Yeban, vice president; Prof. Ma. Lourdes S. Agustin, secretary; Dr. Alice D. Dioquino, treasurer; Prof. Antriman V. Orleans, auditor; Prof. Melchora B. Lamorena, business manager; and Prof. Rita M. Bumanglag, Prof. Diony V. Varela, Prof. Lordinio A. Vergara, Dr. Nerissa S. Tantengco, Dr. Rebecca Nueva España, Prof. Zonia M. Gerona, Prof. Annabelle DC. Palmiery, lawyer Antonio Ferrer and Prof. Myra Villa D. Nicolas, board members.

The overall coordinator of the foundation week celebration is Dr. Larry Gabao.

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NIGHTTIME makeup and hairstyle suggestion from RDS

Made up to look natural

ROBINSONS Department Store (RDS) did a make-over on young student Marga Melo, with some help from cosmetics featured in the "Kiss and Makeup Beauty Sale," ongoing until Aug. 31.

The cosmetics made Marga look fresh and natural for daytime, and a blossoming beauty out to paint the town red in her nighttime makeup.

Basic to good makeup is good skin care habits—cleansing, toning and moisturizing.

For a natural look for Marga, RDS used a natural golden beige liquid foundation (the right foundation should disappear and blend with the skin).

Soft beige loose powder was then dusted on the face for a smoother look. Natural brown color eye shadow was applied as base, followed by a darker shade of brown. To brighten the eyes, a blonde highlight was used on the center of the lids while a medium-brown eyebrow powder was applied to define the eyebrows. Black mascara finished off the look.

A brownish pink blusher was applied to highlight the cheeks, while a mauve lip liner, followed by a lip gloss (for shimmer) was used on the lips.

Marga got a casual, natural-looking hairstyle for daytime.

Transforming daytime makeup to a more dramatic evening look could take only five minutes with practice. To start, pressed powder should be added to the original daytime makeup to cover oily spots. For nighttime, the makeup's focus should be either the eyes or the lips.

Putting the drama on Marga's eyes, a darker shade of brown as base was applied over the daytime eyeshadow. Then, a shade of blue mixed with black and brown was added. Three to four coats of black mascara were applied on the upper lashes, while black eye liner was used on the upper and lower lids. A darker eyebrow powder defined the brow line. Darker blusher was applied on the apples of the cheeks and the lips given a coat of lip gloss. Her hair was swept up in a chignon.

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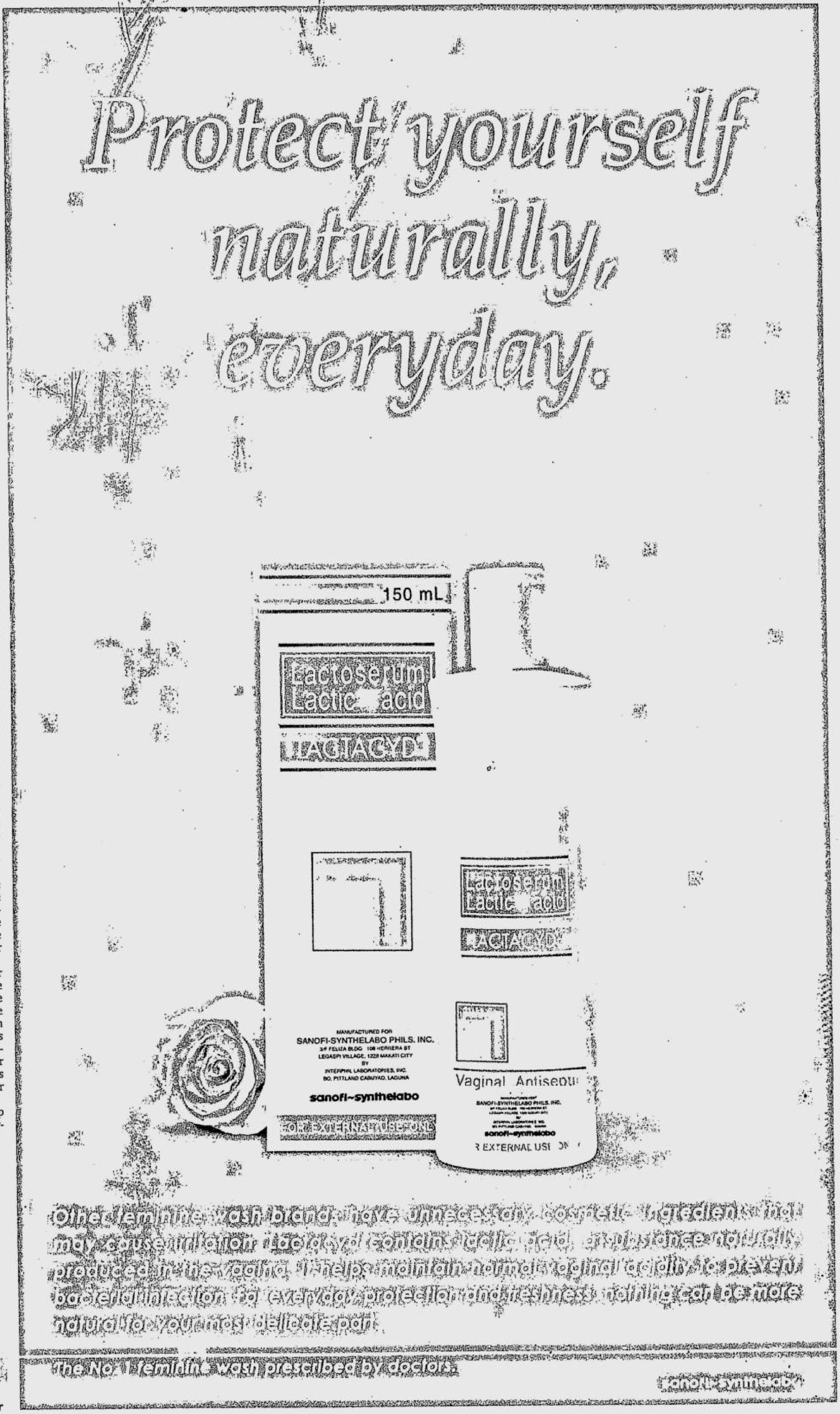
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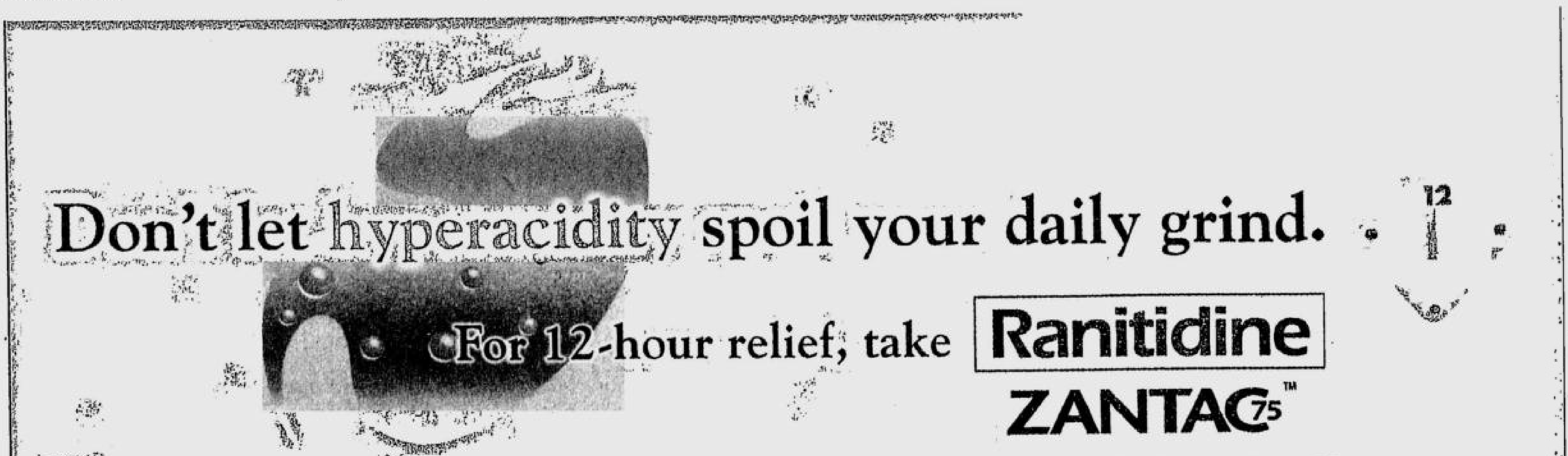

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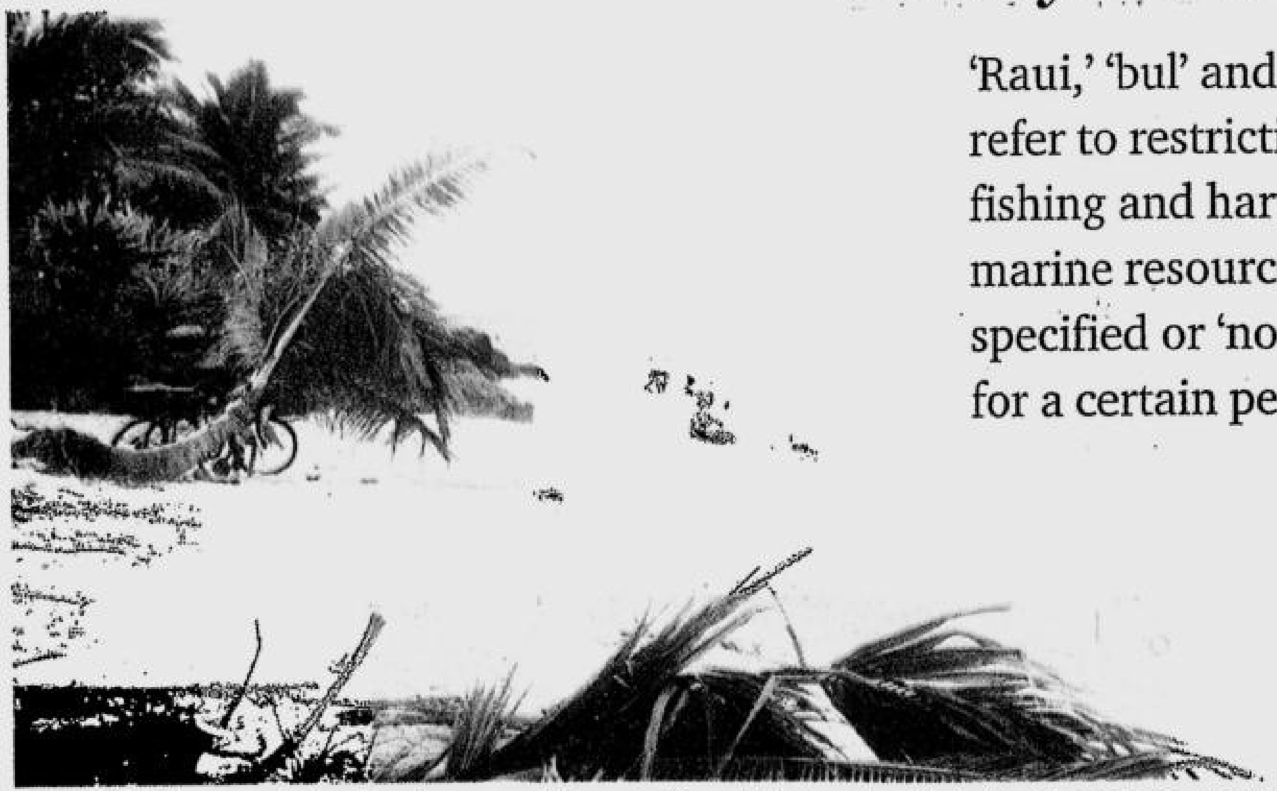

THE CLEAR waters and clean beaches are not the only things that draw tourists to the Cook Islands, a self-governing New Zealand territory of about 20,000. Community-led conservation efforts have made its waters richly rewarding for snorkeling and scuba diving.

LOW tide shows what remains of a World War II Japanese naval vessel that sank in the Cook Islands.

Pacific islanders tap tradition to renew environment

Text and photos by Linda B. Bolido

IN THE COOK Islands, it is known as *raui* while Palau-ans call it *bul*. Fijians and Solomonians refer to it as *tabu*. But by whatever name it is called, the idea remains the same: Pacific island communities, reaching back to tradition, take charge of protecting a major part of their people's life and livelihood—the sea and the resources it harbors.

Raui, *bul* and *tabu* all refer to restrictions, usually imposed by village leaders and/or elders, against fishing and harvesting of marine resources in specified or "no take" areas for a certain period. The restrictions, which could last for a few months, a few years or even be permanent, are meant to protect spawning grounds, allow species populations to recover or to prevent further destruction of damaged habitats. When the *raui*, *bul* or *tabu* has been declared, access to covered areas is forbidden until the restriction is lifted.

The punishment imposed for violation of such traditional restrictions could range from having a curse put on the offender to hefty fines to imprisonment. Although supposedly the death penalty for a major offense is all in the past, it is claimed that in one island country not so long ago, a returning native who flouted the traditional rule repeatedly was killed on orders of the village elders. The death sentence was reportedly upheld by established courts out of respect for tradition and community justice.

It would seem that the protection of the sea and conservation of marine resources should be the last thing Pacific island-states and territories should worry about. Completely surrounded by the Pacific Ocean and made up of several islands scattered across the vast body of water, some so tiny they appear and disappear with the tides, these places generally have populations, with two or three exceptions, of only just a few thousands. It is said, for instance, that 5,000 or more than a quarter of Palau's population of 18,000 are Filipino contract workers.

And indeed there seemed to have been a time in the recent past when Pacific islanders let go of tradition and adopted the ways of the modern world, including the methods for extracting resources from the ocean.

Noah Terteruich Idechong, a member of Palau's National Congress, said, "Palau-ans now accept [the fact] that conservation is needed after the hardships in the 1980s when [the euphoria] of being free [from colonial rulers] led to a relaxation of traditional rules. [But now] they have realized the need to revert to tradition."

Idechong was one of the resource persons for the Pacific Ocean Sciences Fellowship organized in the Cook Islands by the Washington, D.C.-based SeaWeb and Pacific Islands News Association and held in conjunction with the 7th South Pacific Conference for Nature Conservation and Protected Areas.

Shared problems

The problems that Palau and other Pacific islands experienced that prompted them to revert to tradition are no strangers to Filipino coastal areas, many of which are now recognizing the error of their profligate ways and resorting to their own versions of community resource management (some experts say the Philippines does not have the equivalent of

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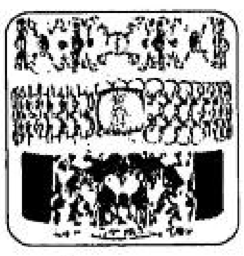

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September 2 (Monday) 2:00-5:00 p.m. P1,500 BROWNIES & BARS *Chewy Moist Brownies, Carrot Cake Bars with Cream Cheese Icing, Lemon Cheesecake Bars, Brownies with Caramel Center and Butterscotch Bars

September 3 (Tuesday) 9:00-4:00 p.m. P1,500 BAKING I by: Heny Sison, *Super Moist Chocolate Cake with Mocha Filling & Fudge Frosting, Crispy Sylvana, Cream Puff, Lemon Pie, Butterscotch Bars and Sables

September 4 (Wednesday) 9:30-5:00 p.m. P2,500 PIZZA CLASS WORKSHOP by: Chef Giorgio Bucciarelli, Master Pizzaiolo & Barista, Food Consultant of various Italian restaurants all over Metro Manila, graduated at Culinary Institute, Milan Italy.
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September 9 (Monday) 9:00-4:00 p.m. P2,500 HOMEMADE SAUSAGES, CONDIMENTS & MARINADE WORKSHOP by: Jane Paredes, Chef / Food Consultant, co-owner of Café Cornucopia, trained at the Culinary Institute of America, Hyde Park, New York and Peter Kump's New York Cooking School
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Marinade: Homemade Tapa, Homemade Bulgogi & Tocino
Dish: Sausage, Sauerkraut & Potato Casserole and Country Style Pork & Beans

September 10 (Tuesday) 9:30-4:00 p.m. P1,500 EDIBLE GIFTS FOR CHRISTMAS II by: Jill Sandique, Chef / Food Consultant & Food Stylist, Blue Ribbon graduate of Peter Kump's New York Cooking School *Angel Food Cake, Date Walnut Bars, Monkey Bread, Lemon Squares, Chocolate Pecan Cookies & Marble Pound Cake

September 11 (Wednesday) 9:30-5:00 p.m. P2,500 FRESH PASTA by: Chef Giorgio Bucciarelli *There is simply no comparison between homemade hand-formed pasta and the store bought stuff. Homemade is not only tastier but a lot easier to make than you think. Learn how to make pasta egg dough, green spinach dough, black pasta dough, different kinds of pastas: lasagna, green lasagna, ravioli, tortellini, cannelloni, fettuccine: green & black, stuffing's for ravioli, tortellini and cannelloni. Sauces for lasagna, tortellini, ravioli & cannelloni. **Recipes:** Lasagna alla Bolognese, Lasagna al 4 Formaggi, Lasagna al Pesto, Cannelloni alla Ricotta and Spinaci, Ravioli alla Boscaiola al Burro e Salvia, Tortellini al 4 Formaggi, alla Panna Prosciutto e Funghi, Green Fettuccini alla Montanara, Black Fettuccine al Frutti di Mare. **Demonstration with student participation.**

September 16-17 (Monday -Tuesday) 9:00-5:00 p.m. P4,000 CAKE DECORATING COURSE I by: Heny Sison, *Learn the basic of cake decorating: icings, color, star, shell, dots and outline borders; the rose, figure piping; clown & booties. You'll bake and decorate a character birthday cake. **Full participation.**

September 18 (Wednesday) 9:30-5:00 p.m. P2,500 SECONDI - PIATTI (The Best of Italian Second Dishes) by: Chef Giorgio Bucciarelli Recipes: Ossibuchi Con Risotto alla Milanese (Veal Shanks with Risotto, Milan Style), Scaloppine Di Vitello Al Limone (Scallop of Veal accented with Lemon juice), Scaloppine Al Marsala (Scaloppine flavored with Marsala wine), Pollo Arrosto Al Rosmarino (Roast Chicken with Rosemary), Salsicce In Umido Con Polenta (Sausage in Tomato Sauce with Polenta), Fegato Alla Veneziana (Calf's Liver Venetian Style), Pesce Spada Alla Livornese (Swordfish cooked, Livorno Style), Calamari Ripioni (Stuffed Calamari), Pesce Al Cartoccio (Baked Fish in Aluminum Foil), Scottadito Al Prezzemolo (Lamb Rack with Parsley) and some side dishes. **Demonstration with student participation.**

September 23 (Monday) 9:30-4:00 p.m. P1,500 EASY NO-BAKE DESSERTS by: Jill Sandique *Frozen Coffee Cream Roll, Chocolate Bavarian Mousse, Floating Island, Mango Ice Box Cake, Buko-Pandan and Butterscotch Banana Cream Pie

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September 30 (Monday) 9:00-4:00 p.m. P1,500 CHOCOLATE CAKE TREASURE by: Heny Sison *Decadent Chocolate Cake with Caramel Sauce, Chocolate Tiramisu, Mouth Watering Fan Torte, Cassata and Hazelnut Torte

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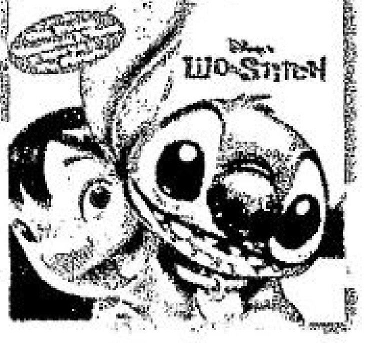

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THE WEDDING invitations were elegant, printed in palace script and sent two months before the date. Maria Christina del Gallego, "Maitina" to family and friends, and Andre Rafael Borromeo, had planned the perfect wedding, and they wanted it to have a Spanish flavor.

Maitina is the daughter of Miguel Juan del Gallego and Maria Elena Galan del Gallego; Andre is the son of Maximo Borromeo and Maria Victoria Rodriguez de Borromeo. The wedding took place at the Cebu Cathedral, followed by a glittering reception and dinner at the Casino Español—the last to be held before the building was demolished to give way to a new one.

Bishop Julito Cortes and Rev. Fr. Ernesto Javier, SJ, officiated at the nuptial mass. Principal sponsors were Don Antonio Brias (soon to be installed as the Honorary Spanish Consul in Davao), Francisco Borromeo, Jaime Ugarte, Joseph Li, Ramon del Gallego, Daniel Rodriguez Jr., Mesdames Angela Rodriguez Calero, Cynthia Locsin, Cora Tanjuatco, Ma. Paz Daarol, Ma. Luisa Diego and Ma. Corazon Antigua.

Maitina had two maids of honor, her sisters Maria Luisa and Marianne del Gallego, while Andre had two best men, his brothers Marco and Paolo Borromeo. Bridesmaids were three more of Maitina's pretty sisters—Martha, Mona Lisa and Michelle del Gallego.

The little attendants drew their share of oohs and aahs: Juan Carlos del Gallego with the rings; Jose Ignacio Eizmendi, coins; Gustavo Borromeo, Holy Bible; Tristan Lamata, rosaries; flower girls Sophia Borromeo, Ysabel and Ma. Christina del Gallego.

The secondary sponsors were Juan Augusto Syjuco and Ma. Socorro Escano Laplana for the candle; Jose Marko, Sarmiento and Ann del Gallego, veil; Maxcy Borromeo and Gwynette Ang, cord. Angela Marie Calero was the lector; Jose Daniel Borromeo and Pauline Eizmendi did the readings; and Roman Ripoll led the psalms.

In the offertory procession were John Jacob del Gallego, Eduardo Martin del Gallego, Emilia La O de Borromeo (the bridegroom's maternal grandmother), Pilar del Gallego (Maitina's grandmother) and Fely Lashway.

There were flowers everywhere at Casino Español for the reception, to the credit of Pinky Chang. Spanish music made the affair livelier, plus platefuls of *jamon serrano*, cheese from La Mancha, and many tapas served before dinner was announced.

Philip Rodriguez, who was also at the party, collected praise for the bridal gown. And where did he get that white nacre Spanish comb? The "peineta" was actually a wedding gift from Maria Pilar Escano, who, on a recent trip to Spain, combed (take that as a pun if you must) the old sector of Madrid's quaint shops until she finally found one.

Paellas, prepared by the chefs of the restaurant of that name in Manila, were the favorite target of diners that evening, along with a splendid spread of Spanish cuisine Casino Español is known for. The magnificent cake was created by Andre's doting aunts Bernadette Borromeo Gallego and Annette Borromeo Gallego.

Andre and Maitina make their home in Cebu, at City Lights, that imposing condo building in Nivel Hills that commands breathtaking views of Cebu, Mactan, the sea, Bohol, and on a very clear day, even Leyte.

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CAFÉ Adriatico's Cebu branch used to be in an ancestral house located on Ramos Street, which had once been the official residence of Mayor Serging Osmeña. It has moved to where the action is—the Ayala Entertainment Center. The opening bash was one of the grandest ever.

Larry Cruz came to town, of course, with his lovely wife Merle, and both greeted their friends with a question, "Don't you feel a sense of *deja vu?*" Certainly, for the new place has captured the flavor and ambience of the old one.

Antonio and Lou Aldeguer invited hordes of their friends and most of them came. Helping out were their good-looking sons Jay Aldeguer, Michael Aldeguer with his wife Christine, and Christopher Aldeguer. They introduced the personable gentleman who manages Café Ad here—Eduard Hoogeweegen, who was with his wife Arvin.

Eduard is no stranger to Cebu. Of Dutch heritage, he used to be with the Cebu Plaza Hotel, and his wife is a Filipina. They are very happy to return to Cebu. Very much present at the opening party (and on any day you may drop by Café Ad here) was Dorothy Moras Adlawan, who has been invaluable in helping train the staff.

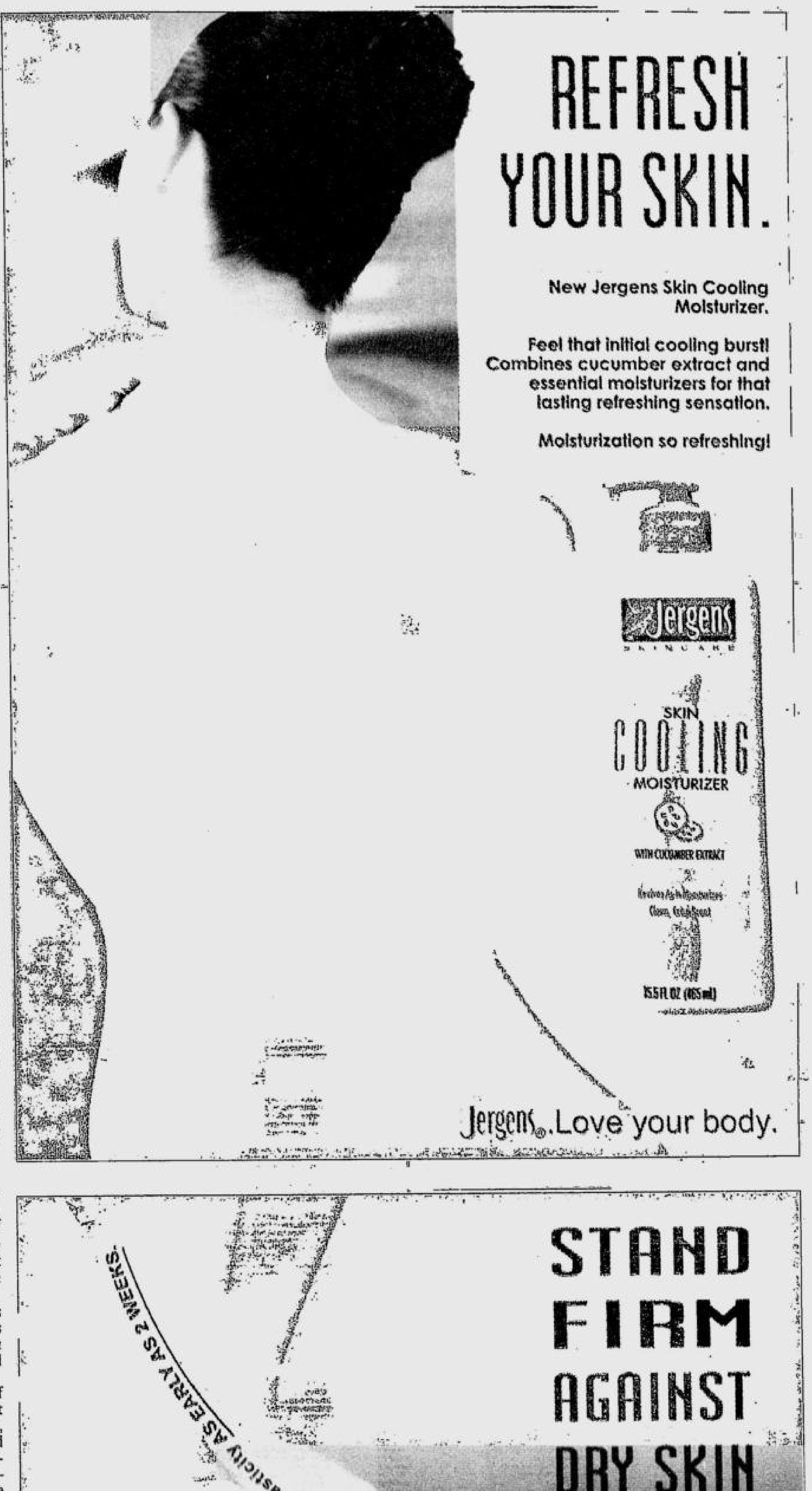
In the midst of the Café Ad party, Larry Cruz moved on to Europa Deli on Ramos Street, where the Honorary Swiss Consul Mark Stern was hosting a fondeau dinner. The mood was set by crystal flutes brimming with effervescence—Vin Fou, from Henri Maire. This special champagne has been bottled in cobalt blue containers, which have become recyclable rarities.

Markus Stern's guests included George Rondina, Alegre Beach's Michael and Joy Jordan, Waterfront Hotel's Patrick Gregorio, Joe and Chinggay Utzurrum, Marriott's Dottie Wurgler, and Dr. Vivina Chiu.

They've all been told to mark Sept. 27 in their calendar. That's an important cultural milestone at Europa, when the Swiss Embassy teams up with the Arts Council to bring the internationally acclaimed Trio la Tache for a performance of classical music. It's strictly by invitation, and following the music comes a reception with lots of Swiss delights served.

AT THE CEBU Café Ad opening: Jay Aldeguer and Lorna Ambas (standing) pose with Larry and Merle Cruz, Lou Pastrano Aldeguer and Nelia Neri.

CHARLES Lim, Eduard Hoogeweegen, Jay Aldeguer and Swiss Consul Markus Stern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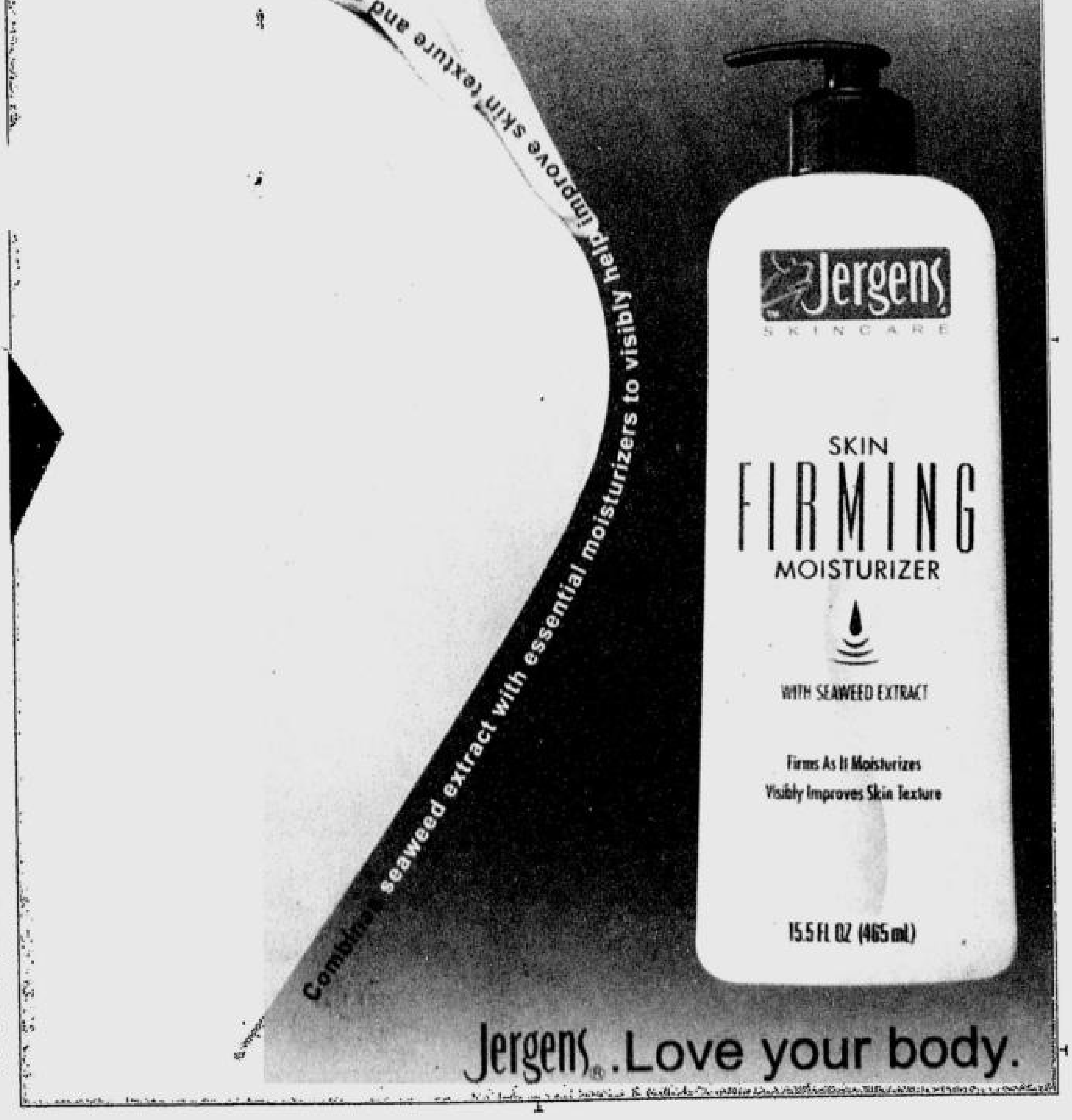
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RUFO Colayco of BCDA; Miriam Katigbak, SVP of ALI-CCG; Angie Lacson, Rowena Tomeldan and Winnie Nazareth of Ayala Land Inc., and Francisco Licuanan III, president of Ayala Land Inc.

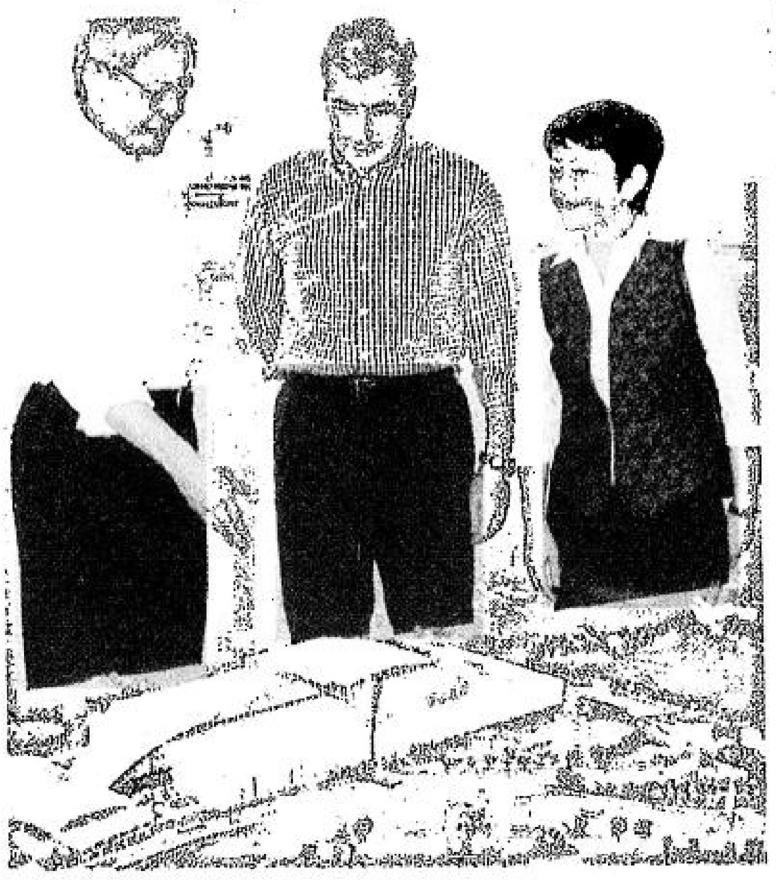
New mall holds festive groundbreaking ceremony

A BARRIO fiesta complete with an *ati-atihan* woke up The Fort's landscape recently when Ayala Land Inc. held an early morning groundbreaking ceremony of its newest baby, Market! Market!, a new commercial development that marries the concept of bargain shopping and shopping mall comforts. *Higantes* (stiltwalkers), jugglers and circus performers performed for the audience.

Palayok-smashing was led by the *"ninongs and ninangs"* of Market! Market!, which included Ayala Land chair Fernando Zobel, Ayala Land president Francisco Licuanan III and Commercial Centers Group SVP Miriam O. Katigbak.

Guests of honor were Taguig Mayor Sigfrido Tinga and Bases Conversion Development Authority's chair Florencio Padernal with president/CEO Rufo Colayco.

To get a taste of what the Market! Market! experience will be like, everyone was given a *bayong* to fill it up with fruits and vegetables displayed in every corner—for free! Guests partook of the traditional Filipino food: *arroz caldo, bibingka, puto bumbong, lechon, chicharon, halo-halo* and ice cream served by a *sorbetero*.



RUFO Colayco, Fernando Zobel de Ayala, Ayala Land Inc. chair and Miriam Katigbak

MAYOR and Ms Freddie Tinga of Taguig

A major attraction of Market! Market! is a huge open area for those who love their food cooked fresh and want to dine al fresco. There are fast-food outlets, food courts and restaurants.

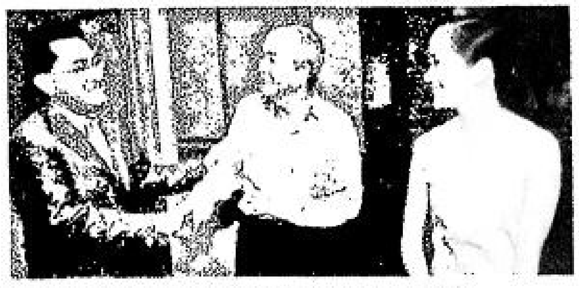
Aside from cinemas, bars and amusement centers, Market! Market! will also have zoned "themed" bazaars, a fruits and flowers market, and car accessories and repair row. It will even have a one-stop shop dedicated to technology-related necessities such as hardware and software computer centers, a showroom for computer and electronic brands, internet cafés and network gaming stations. There is also an activity hall perfect for product launches and promotions.

New condo's model units inaugurated

MODEL units of the Manansala, the latest residential building at Rockwell, were inaugurated recently with Rockwell Land clients as guests.

With the Hidalgo, Rizal, Luna and Amorsolo on the west side of the Rockwell Center, the 41-story Manansala will "anchor" residential condo development on the eastern side. Construction of the building is expected to finish by 2005.

SYLVIA Heras-Lopez, Maritess Lopez, Connie Lopez and Nene Lichauco



ROCKWELL Land president Tong Padilla welcomes Rustan's EVP Jun Lopez. Looking on is Ines Lopez-Matti.

Rockwell Land chair Manolo M. Lopez said condominium units at Rockwell had the highest rental rates in Metro Manila.

Cutting the ribbon during the inauguration were Connie Lopez, wife of Lopez Group of Companies chair Oscar Lopez; Maritess Lopez, wife of Manolo; Bel-Air barangay chair Nene Lichauco, and interior designer Sylvia Heras-Lopez.

Heras-Lopez and interior designers Alice Erfe and Los Angeles-based Butch Valdez designed the model apartments at the Rockwell Information Center and Power Plant Mall.

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INSIDE the junior one-bedroom model unit during the blessing are Lopez Group of Companies chair Oscar Lopez, Connie Lopez, Bel-Air barangay chair Nene Lichauco, Fr. Joel Taping and Rockwell Land chair Manolo Lopez.

A black affair

THE NEW Greenbelt recently celebrated a night of style, substance and sophistication in an exclusive affair.

Lights led the black-garbed guests as they trailed the entrance to Greenbelt 3. Show biz personalities, media mavens, party-philes and top-notch athletes attended the event.

Cameras flashed and cocktails flowed. Sentro 1771 served Filipino-fusion hors d'oeuvres. Indeed, the event showcased good food, good wine, good venue.

ALIYA Parcs and Miguel Noble

To start the event, Men in Black made an entrance at the new Greenbelt 3 cinemas, ready once again to rid the world of the scum of the universe. There, among the leather seats in the state-of-the-art THX surround sound-equipped theater, the night's entertainment turned full blast.

An evening of stars, food, cocktails, fanfare and entertainment, all in the newest and most elegant venue in town, Greenbelt cinema's premiere of "Men in Black II" was indeed an affair worth remembering.

Experience supreme entertainment at the movies and chic cuisine at the new Greenbelt 3 and 2.

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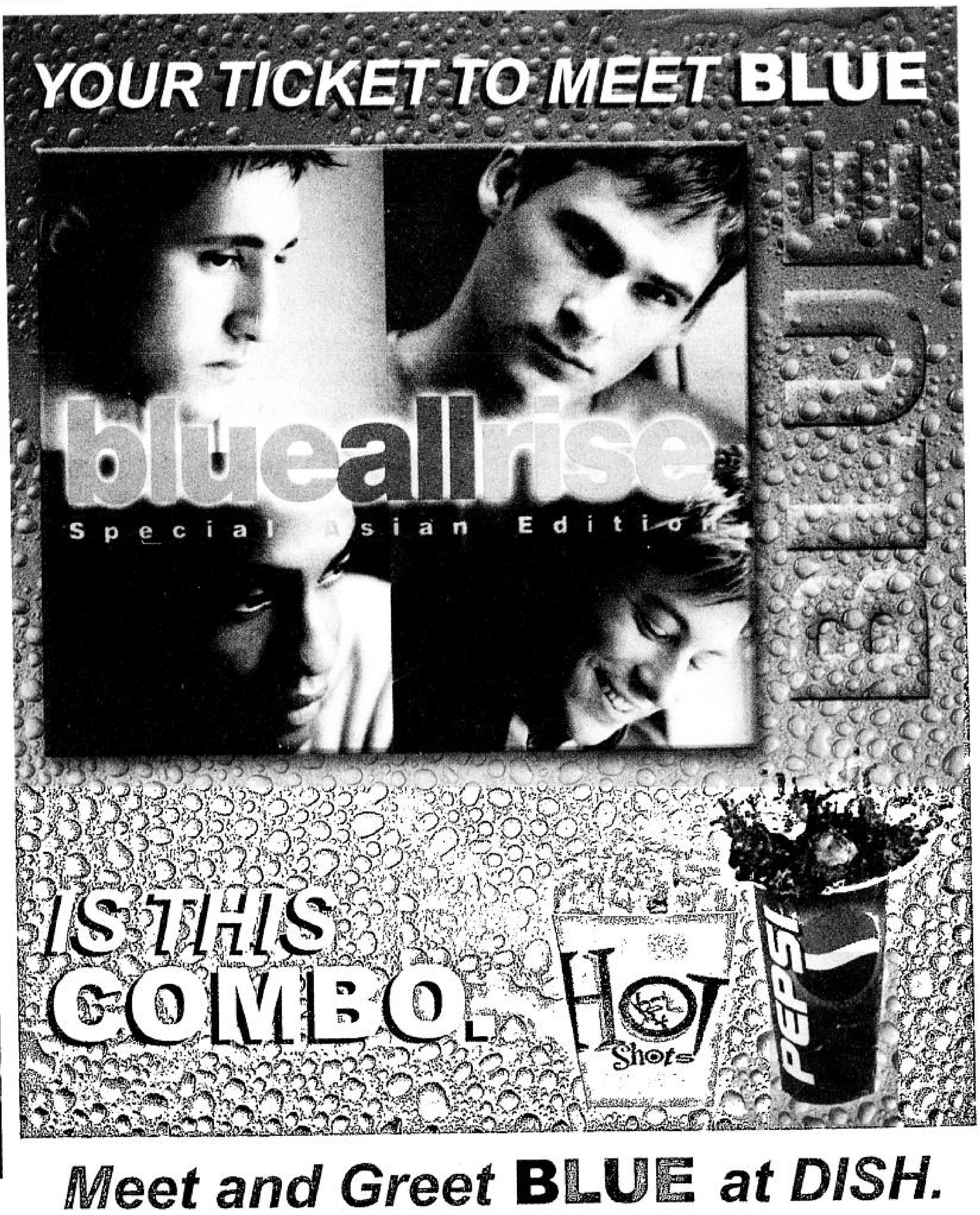

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Chokers and peasants, new Greek tenor, and the Kris-Joey-Alma soap opera

T'NT TRENDS & TRENDINGS

Anton San Diego

MUST-HAVE accessories—chokers. These will probably be the trend at the latter part of the year. Much emphasis has been given to the cleavage and hands in the last year, but now it's the neck's turn.

Personally, I find the neck as one of the sexiest parts of the body, maybe because of its vulnerability and sensitivity. Check out the looks in the September issue of Vanity Fair with Jennifer Connelly on the cover. (Tip: wear a sexy, long black number with a simple black silk choker.)

Now here's the bitchy part: The look is not for everyone, which means women with short and huge necks (think football size) and extra skin (think chicken skin) won't really work. But those blessed with long and lean necks, this one's for you.

Must-have fashion look—poet-sleeve blouses. Who's tired of the peasant blouse? Did I hear a yes? Well here's the look for Fall/Winter 2002 from the fashion house that made the peasant blouse a phenomenon.

Tom Ford for YSL has introduced the "poet-sleeve blouse," which, according to fashionistas, is the next big thing in women's wear.

In Harper's Bazaar's September issue, nine women were asked to interpret how to wear the blouse. They wore it with jeans and formal skirts, showing the blouse's versatility and class.

Also in the new YSL campaign, you can see variations of this theme with low-cut necklines in lace and ruffles.

On personal space. Picture this: You are in an elevator. It's half-full, but someone still manages to touch your arm or back. Or you are in line at a bookstore when the person behind you keeps hitting you with the ruler he's bought.

What's with Pinoys and lines? It's exactly like driving, with the motorist behind making sure no one has the opportunity to cut in so they stick so close to you. I feel that people should respect people's space. People should respect the invisible force field of at least a foot from one another.

I once read an article that said, "In your 20s, you set out to find your space; in your 30s, you safeguard it." God knows what I will do in my 40s. Maybe create a fortress or be like "the boy in the plastic bubble."

Since my blood pressure has risen, I will end this part. Thanks for obliging me. Back to your normal TNT reading...

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THE RETURN of the choker, as seen here on Jennifer Connelly in Vanity Fair's September cover

IT'S THE NECK'S TURN. Choker choices

TNT tidbits

"Survivor" porn star. As the new "Survivor 5" series kicks off in Thailand, news has spread that one of its male contestants is a former porn star. Hmmm, what does that all mean? Higher ratings? More flesh exposure on the show? Well, all I can say is, AXN better cover it because I never get to catch it on Studio 23. And for the producers of the show, come on, let the good-looking and buffed people win. It's more interesting! I don't know what this person looks like, but hey, I am rooting for him!

Whitney's cover version. Set to make a comeback is diva/rehab specialist **Whitney Houston**. Her album, which has been getting rave reviews among test audiences, is set to come out October. She will do a remake of Debby Boone's one hit, "You Light up My Life."

The next big (pop) opera star. Although **Josh Groban** is my favorite pop opera star and I can't wait to see him in October, there are two new male artists whose CDs you've got to buy: Italian **Alesandro Safina** and Greek **Mario Frangoulis.** Frangoulis is a superstar in Greece. He grew up in England. He is blessed with a voice that would make "angels weep." He is not lacking in the looks department, either. His voice is as mesmerizing as **Andrea Bocelli**'s and the other singers mentioned above. Watch out for his CD, which will be launched on Sept 19. Check out his website at www.mariofrangoulis.com.

Haven't you had enough of this already? Enough of the **Kris-Joey-Alma** scandal! I will not be a hypocrite and say that I was not interested in where all this was going. I mean, it is far more interesting than my daily 9-5 workload. It was also the hottest topic for dinner and text chain mail (think: "Is she or isn't she pregnant?").

But giving it more precious news space than the economy, kidnappings and other important issues is perverted. It goes to show where our priorities are and why our nation is like this!

Kris is of an age to make her choices. She can never ever be the role models or icons her parents are. And why is she bearing the brunt of this scandal? Please, look at Joey Marquez! He is not exactly a candidate for sainthood or even a poster boy for family planning, is he? My suggestion on all of this—let them solve their problems.

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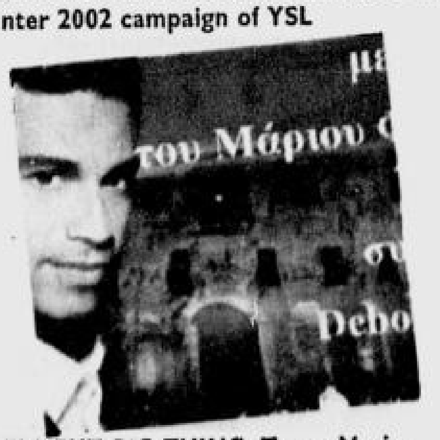
THE POET-SLEEVE blouse, from the Fall/Winter 2002 campaign of YSL



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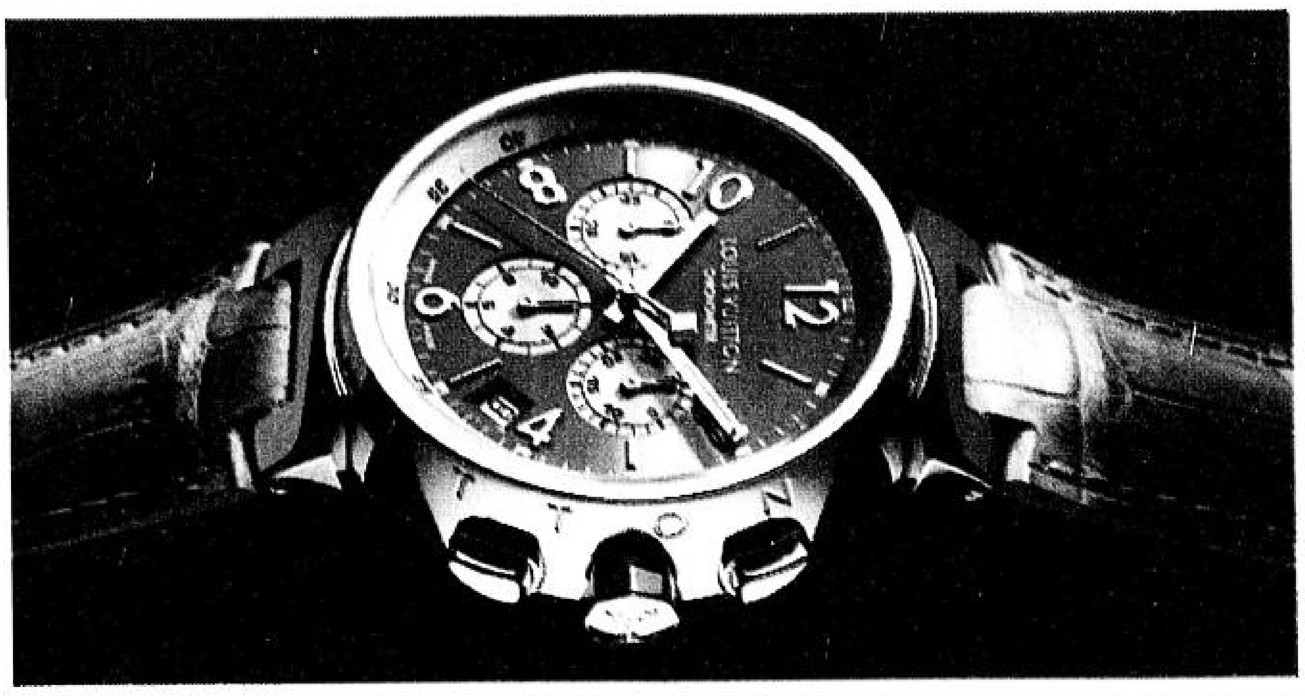

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Drum roll, please, for the new LV watch

By Chelo Banal-Formoso

THE COMING month will mark the worldwide launch of the Louis Vuitton watch and for sure what the faithful will be asking is, "Why only now?"

From a brand that has been identified with globetrotting since 1854 when it first came out with its fabulous pieces of luggage and trunks, Louis Vuitton has made side trips to the handbags, shoes, ready-to-wear and fashion accessories lines.

Now the brand has reached another landmark with timepieces worthy of the Louis Vuitton name for its leading-edge technology and looks that fashionistas will lust for.

"We've tried, first of all, to make sure that design-wise the image that will be conveyed by this watch is the values of the brand," says Jean-Louis Roblin, LV's accessories department director, during the media introduction to the elegant timepieces at the University of Hong Kong. As with every Louis Vuitton media event, the presentation was elegantly done in a well-appointed hall.

"When you think of Louis Vuitton, you think of sturdiness—it's durable, qualitative, sometimes massive. There's nothing flashy, nothing light with Louis Vuitton, even if you take a look at the luggage," he adds.

Tambour

This first collection is called Tambour, after the world's first watch that came out in 1510. *Tambour* is French for "drum," a word that refers to a percussion instrument or a cylinder, but also stands for the roller around which the pendulum chain is wound.

The Louis Vuitton Cup Automatic Chrono-

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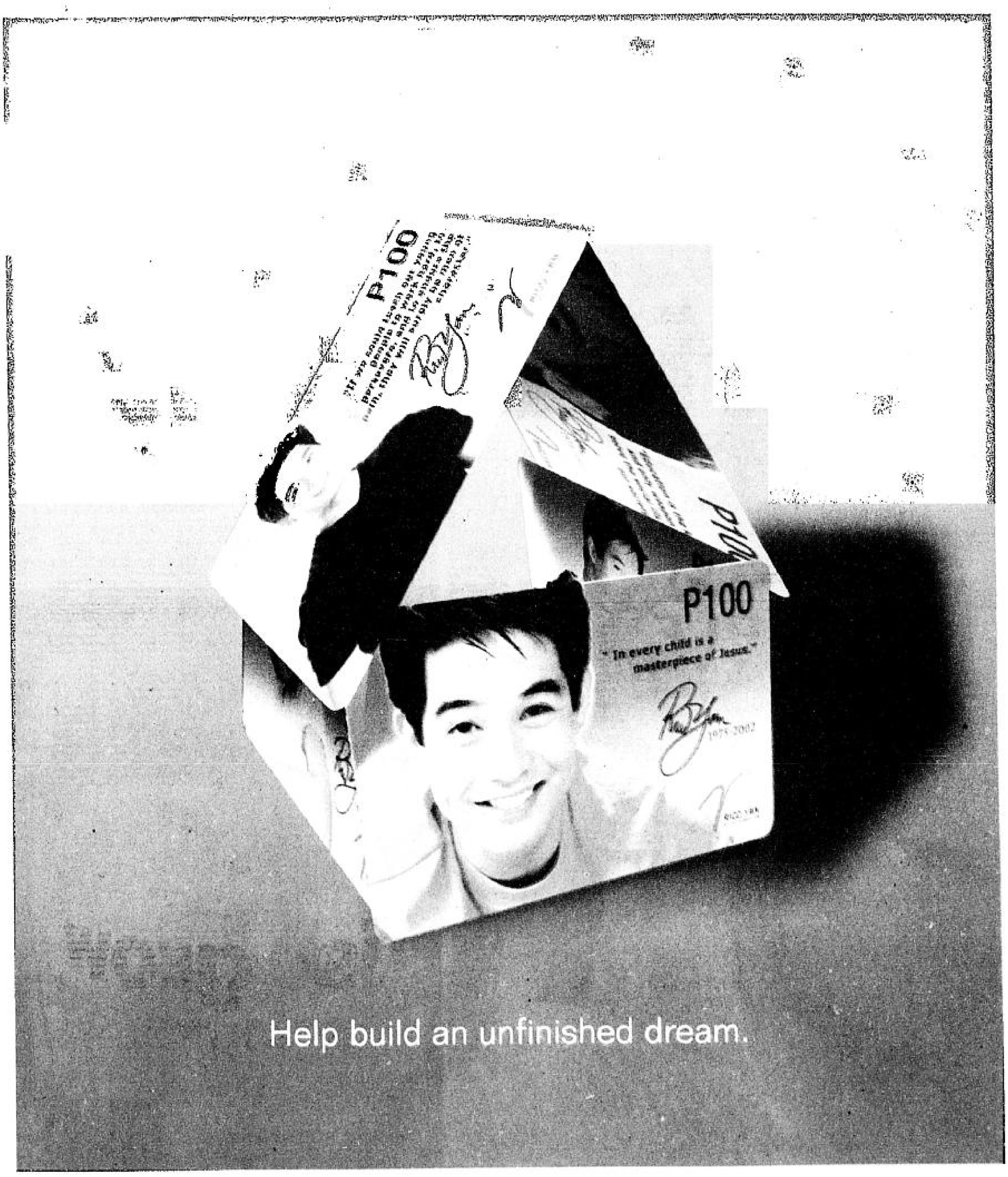

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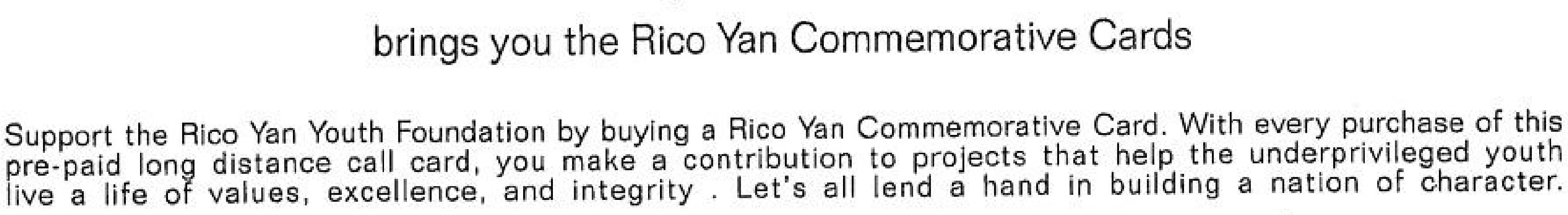

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Online shopping made easy—and safe

By Anne A. Jambora

NET-SAVVY Filipinos know the perils of e-shopping only too well. At least two dreadful possibilities face the e-shopper: the online merchant does not deliver outside the United States or it doesn't accept credit cards issued in the Philippines. The Filipino faces the prospect of being reduced to a mere e-window shopper.

The grim reality is some 80 percent of online merchants have those rules. Even if there are no restrictions, the poor Filipino client could be paying for hidden charges when the package arrives. Custom duties and tariff can sometimes amount to thousands of pesos even for a modest—but imported—purchase.

But that's all in the past now. A unique website, e-2-door.com, has been quietly winning raves from its by now 6,500 registered users after barely two years of operations. In fact, customer satisfaction, spread by word-of-mouth, is making e-2-door.com grow at a rate of 400-500 new users per month.

The buzz

The 100-percent Pinoy innovation dotcom company offers home delivery of any online purchase—even from merchants that don't deliver outside the US. "We are the only one in the world with the technology and resources to do this kind of operation," says e-2-door Inc.'s VP-chief information officer Paolo C. Abad.

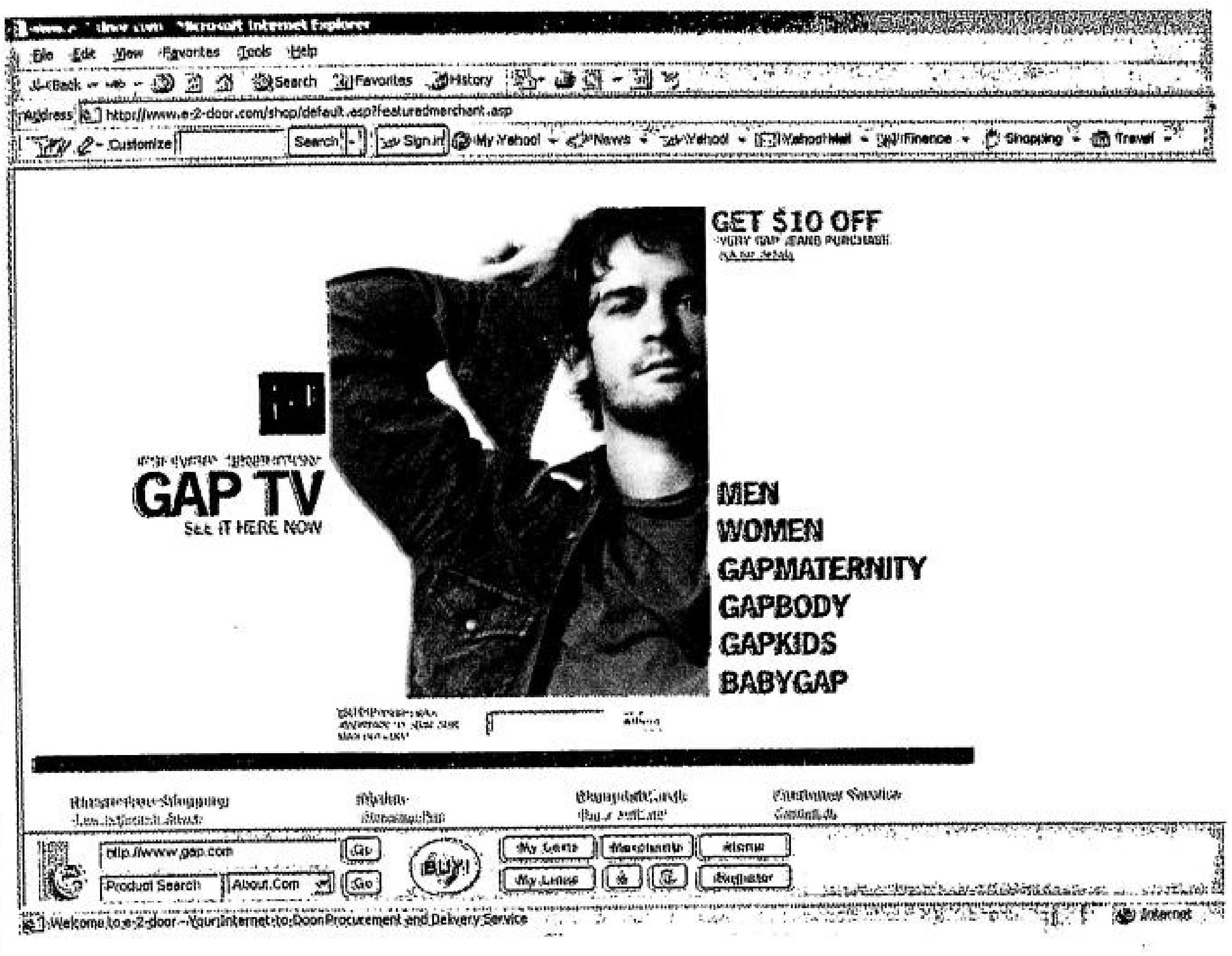
The process is simple. Instead of browsing different websites to look for and buy the items they want, people can log on to one, the e-2-door.com, which "captures" the website of choice. Shopping is made through e-2-door.com portal. The online merchant records the dotcom company making an order, not an individual.

Door delivery is made possible by e-2-door Inc.'s 30-year-old sister company, Orient Freight Int'l., which operates in 120 countries and has over 300 stations worldwide. Deliveries by air take 9-15 days, while by sea take 30-35 days.

Abad likens the concept to SM Megamall, which e-2-door.com wants to be in cyberspace. For instance, someone with a new dress will normally say she got it at the Megamall instead of the name of the boutique or shop in the complex where it was actually bought.

Service portal

"We are purely a service portal. We don't own the products our clients buy online. We are everyone's virtual personal shopper," Abad says.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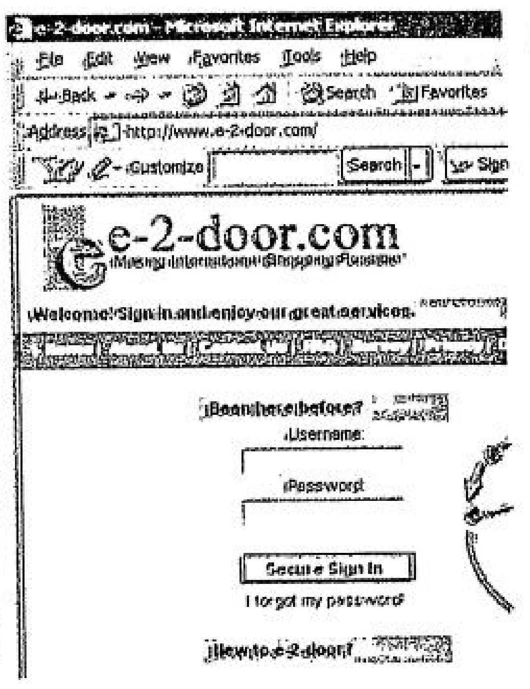
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That means prices are not marked up. Clients pay the exact amount listed on the merchant's website—even for sale items. Nor do they have to worry about hidden charges. The website allows clients to determine the cost of their purchases, including delivery rates for either air or surface, custom duties and tariff. e-2-door.com does not even charge for the use of its services.

While delivery cost, custom duties and tariff range from 30-50 percent of an item's value, Abad says it's still cheaper compared to many couriers that charge up to $50 for every half kilo of delivery. Savings are substantial, especially when heavy items like furniture are ordered. Plus, the more orders are placed, the lesser the charges become.

Multiple merchants

e-2-door.com has a list of 300 online merchants, but the client is not limited to those. If a fave website is not on the list, e-2-door.com will take the customer there if he or she will key in the Web address in the URL box.

Another treat is being able to shop with multiple merchants—say, niketown.com, gap.com and toysrus.com—and making only a single payment. The system allows users a one-time registry with e-2-door.com, a process safer than giving Web-sensitive information, like credit card numbers, to every online merchant. More time is spent for surfing and shopping, instead of filling out forms.

Even better, purchases do not have to be paid only through credit cards. Clients have other options such as debit accounts through UCPB 1Time and over-the-counter cash through Universe Café. Payments can also be staggered through Citibank Paylite and credit lines extended for B2B (business to business) corporate checks with good track record. Available soon is PayPlus through Bancnet ATM cards. Locally issued credit cards are also accepted, no questions asked.

Through e-2-door.com's wide range of payment options, every Filipino with access to the Net can now go on an e-shopping spree. In fact, orders have been placed from Laoag to Zamboanga. "Some people even order sale items in bulk to set up a small business," Abad says.

Hassle-free

e-2-door.com also saves *balikbayans* from the hassle of traveling with huge *pasalubong* boxes. Overseas Filipino workers can place their orders abroad and have them delivered here without having to pay extra charges. It can probably even help minimize the Pinoy practice of *padala*, asking friends or relatives to bring things for them.

Many Filipinos may think e-shopping is expensive but Abad says great bargains are aplenty if they know where to look. A client, for instance, bought 20 telescopes, which was selling locally at P20,000 each, for P9,000 a piece online. If Net virgins or neophyte e-shoppers get confused by infinite choices, they can always ask e-2-door.com to source products for them.

Abad says the beauty of shopping online is being able to buy hard-to-find items. The Web offers items like infrared heating lamps for pet iguanas, Kevlar bullet-proof blankets, used/unused military uniforms, even doorknobs and furniture.

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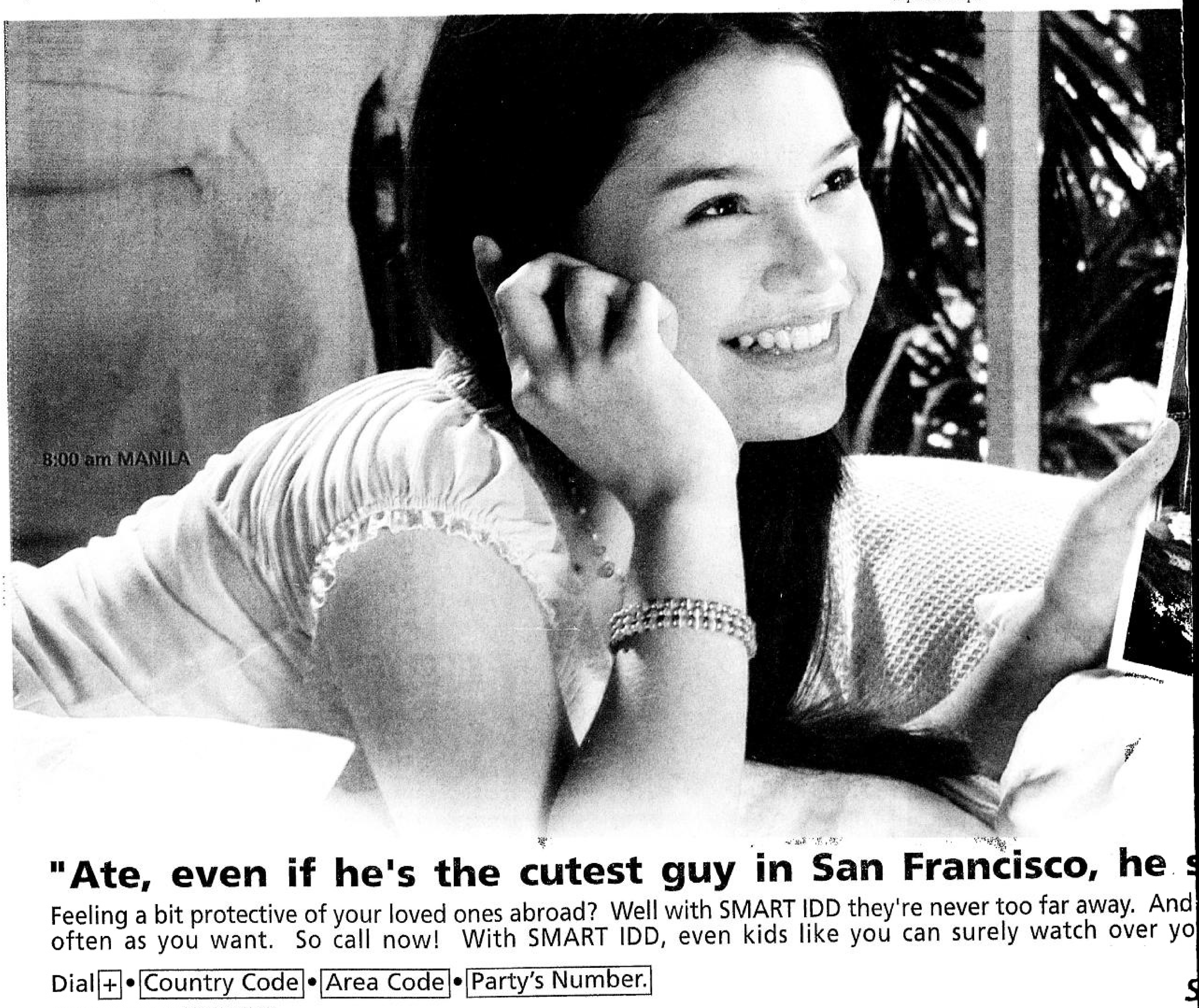
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Celebrities raise funds for 3 scholars of UP

CROSSOVER recently helped the Luis Punzalan Villar Sr. Foundation raise funds to send three scholars to school. The funds raised at "A Night with the Stars...A Crossover Live Benefit Special" held at Dish will see the three scholars through one year of college at the UP College of Music.

Helping Crossover in their endeavor were some of the country's top celebrities and stars. TV hosts, actors, models and fashion icons banded together to sell and serve drinks and wait on tables. Gorgeous models showed that they were more than just pretty faces: siblings Rissa Samson (who sold 36 bottles) and Robby Mananquil, Phoemela Baranda (35 bottles to her credit), Ryan Villareal, Paolo Paraiso and Reggie Curley. TV was also well-represented by host Angel Jacob and Marc Nelson. In fact, additional funds were raised when two people paid P1,000 each just for a kiss from Marc!

Music and fashion personalities collided with top designers Frederick Peralta, Lulu Tan-Gan, Randy Ortiz, Vic Barba and Patrice Ramos-Diaz. Stretching more than their vocal cords, on the other hand, were Jed Maddela and Aliya Parcs of Prime Council. Other bartenders present were Nanette Inventor; Jackie Castillejo, who acted as floor host, bringing the house down with her witty wisecracks; and organizer extraordinaire Jackie Aquino, who sold the most number of bottles.

Favorite bands Escape and Side A played two sets each, keeping the crowd entertained. But to the delight of the guests, golden-voiced divas Lani Misalucha and Jaya also sang two songs each, while Elizabeth Ramsey jammed with the bands.

Other highlights of the evening included a souvenir photo booth, where guests could get their picture taken with their favorite star. The photos were printed out instantly, plus the bonus of getting the stars' autographs.

This Crossover Live Benefit Special is the foundation's first project.

SURPRISE customer Janice de Belen with server for the night Tonichi Nocum

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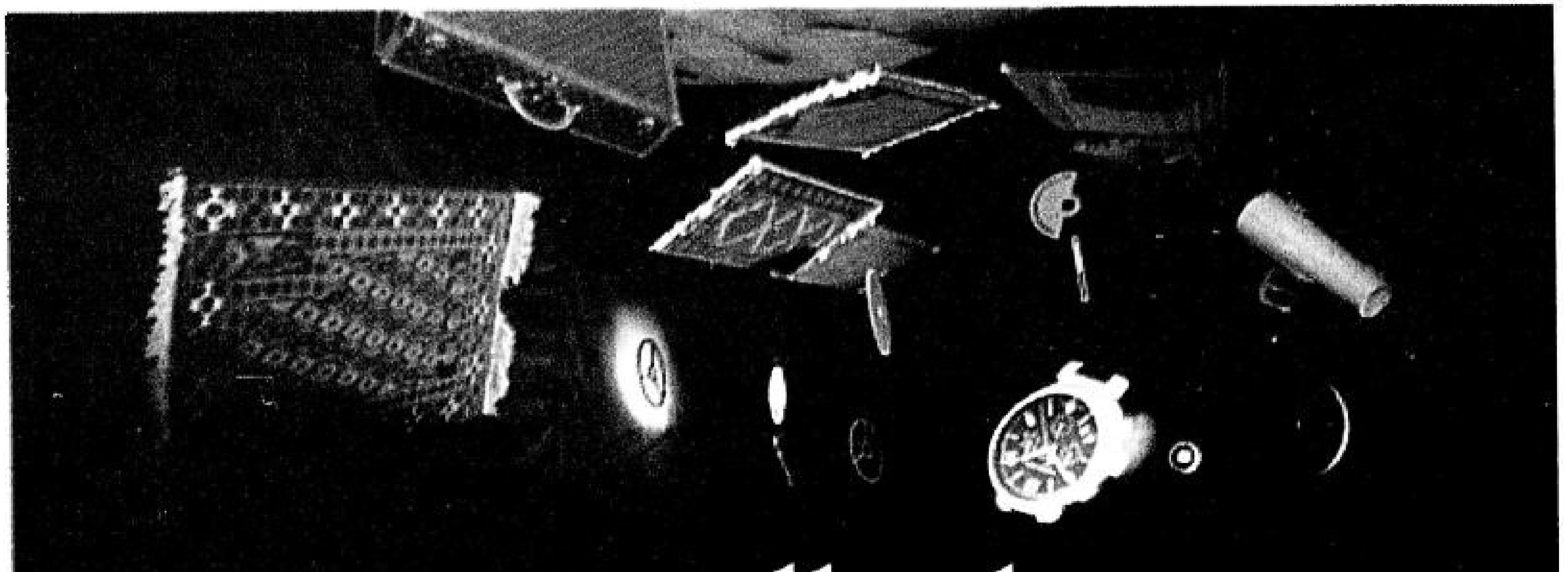

Drum roll, please, for the new LV watch

PRESENTATION COUNTS. Louis Vuitton products hanging upside down from the ceiling in a dark tunnel that Asian journalists have to negotiate with the help of mirrors.

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graph, which is being issued in a limited and numbered series of 277, looks carved out of a piece of steel. If it were a man, it would be a certifiable hunk. It is quite a serious watch with a strong personality. "We wanted it to be our icon of sort in the watch collection that will help anchor Louis Vuitton in the watch market,"says Roblin. "We didn't want it to be ostentatious. We really wanted it to be understated and let the consumer discover it."

From the color of the dial and the color of the seconds hand to the engraving on the casing and the finish of the seam, the Tambour watch is unmistakably Louis Vuitton. "Once you've been hooked and seduced by the oval design," says Roblin, "then you get into the details that make that watch Louis Vuitton."

The brown dial is the original and elegant LV corporate color. The casing of solid steel is drumlike, deep and flared. The hand that indicates the seconds and the timing hands on the chronograph models are yellow, inspired by the stitching thread used on LV leather goods.

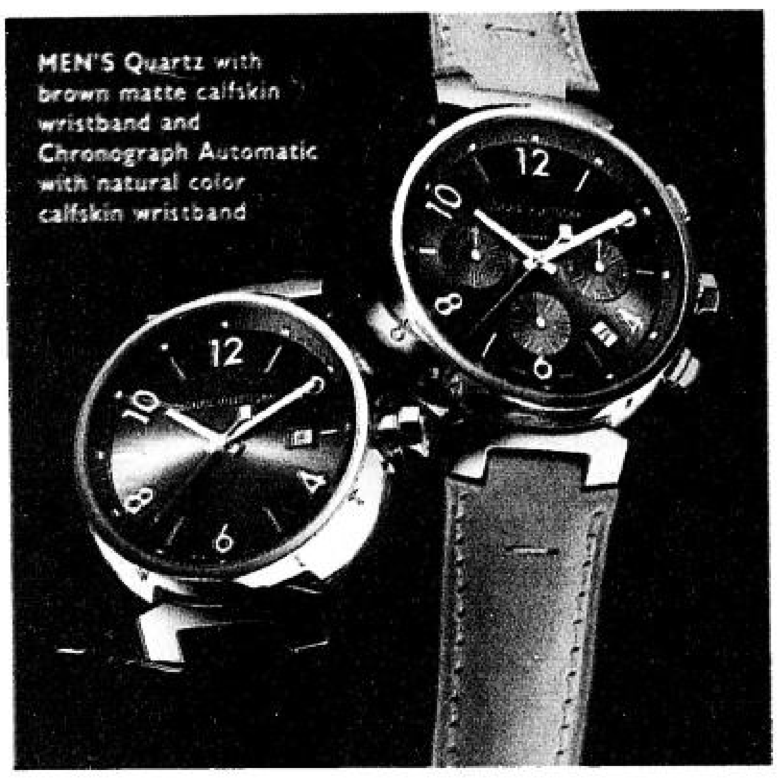
Leather and metal

So far, all straps are leather, which is more in keeping with the LV image. But because the timepieces are water-proofed to 100 meters, it is logical to expect the international label to come out with metallic bands in the future.

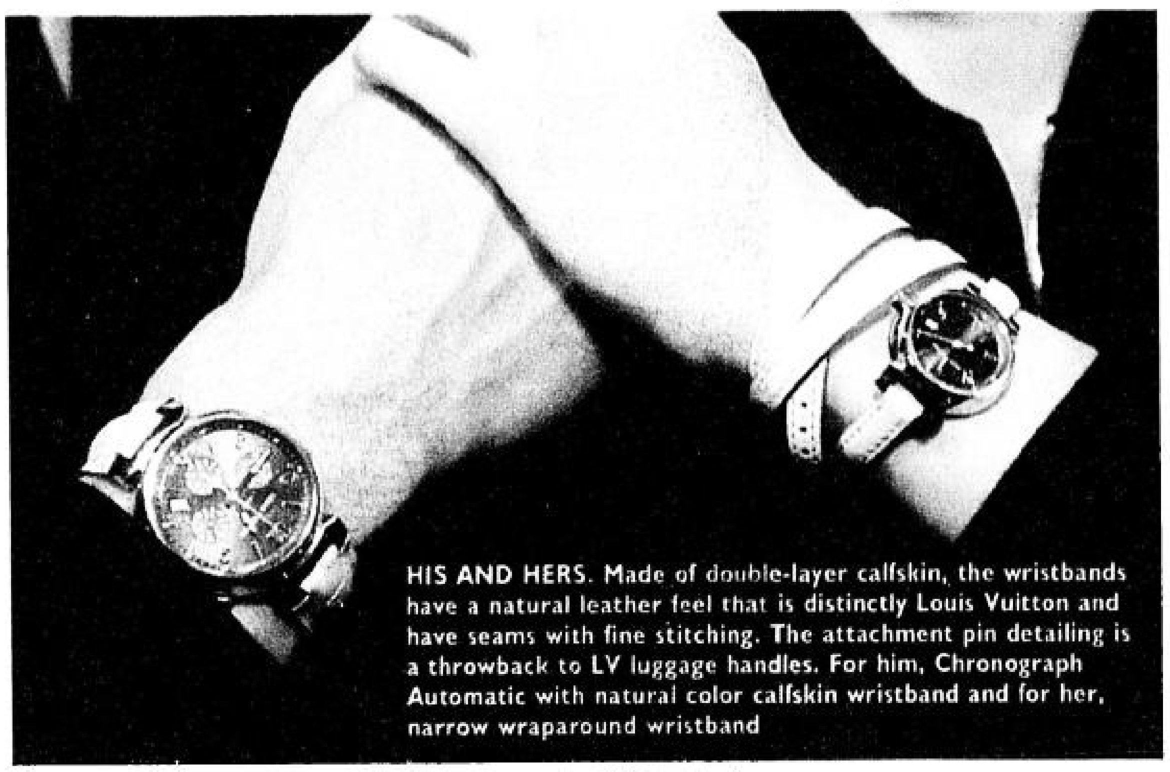
"Thank God Mr. Vuitton had two Ts in his name," quips Roblin. As such, the 12 letters in "Louis Vuitton" circle the casing like the 12 hours of the clock face, each letter corresponding to each hour. As in most everything produced by this high-end fashion house, the monogram is discreetly engraved in the satin-finish steel on the back of the casing.

"Most of our clients today are women. The watch is also a way for us to reach a wider market. We all know the only jewel that men wear is a watch or a wedding band," notes Roblin. The new line of watches completes Louis Vuitton's diversification and reinforces the stature of Louis Vuitton as a global brand, a highly desirable one in Asia and beyond.

The Louis Vuitton Tambour watch collection will be exclusively available at the Louis Vuitton store on the ground floor of 6750 Ayala Avenue, Makati City, and all other LV stores throughout the world.



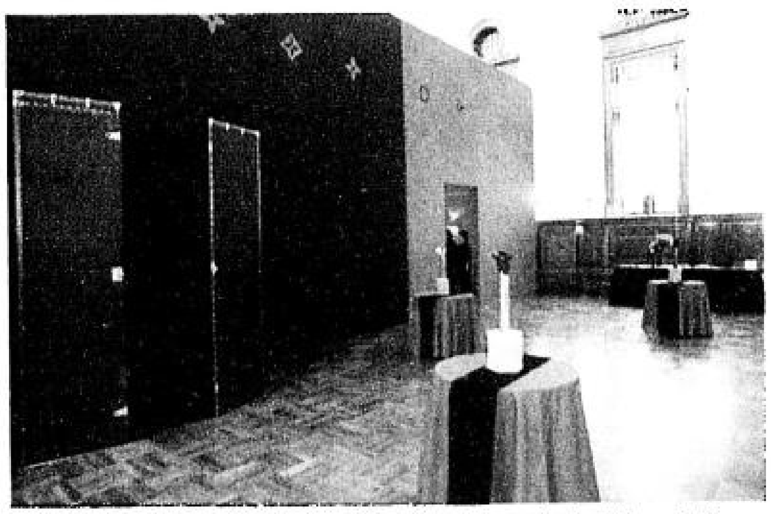
MEN'S Quartz with brown matte calfskin wristband and Chronograph Automatic with natural color calfskin wristband



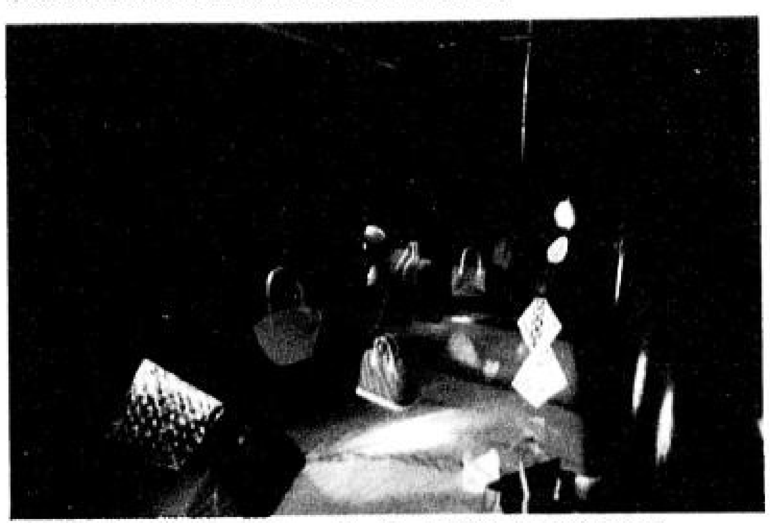
HIS AND HERS. Made of double-layer calfskin, the wristbands have a natural leather feel that is distinctly Louis Vuitton and have seams with fine stitching. The attachment pin detailing is a throwback to LV luggage handles. For him, Chronograph Automatic with natural color calfskin wristband and for her, narrow wraparound wristband

LV execs Andrew Glenn, press and public relations manager; Jean-Louis Roblin, accessories department director; and Aude Fisch, press attaché for leather goods and accessories

TAMBOUR-BEATERS welcoming the media with music from different kinds of drums.



HALL OF FAME. The Loke Yew hall in the main building of the University of Hong Kong where the new LV Tambour watch collection is introduced to the Asian media



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Masters Degree preferred but not required
Experience: 3 years relevant experience in a Manpower Development Center or Training School in a supervisory or managerial capacity
Training: Minimum 16 hours relevant training in Manpower Development
Eligibility: Career Service Professional
Skills
- Must be good in planning and development of training programs
- Must be good in both oral and written communication
- Must possess good interpersonal skills
- Computer literacy is an advantage but not required

*** Applicants for all positions must be residents of Pasig City or nearby towns and cities.**

Interested applicants may submit their application and resumé to:

The Office of the Mayor
2nd floor Pasig City Hall
Caruncho Avenue, Pasig City

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- Proficiency in any one (1) of the following RDBMS': MS Access, MS SQL, Oracle, Infomix and MySQL
- Excellent technical knowledge in any two (2) of the following OS: Win95/98/2K/Me, Win NT/XP
- Fluent in written and spoken English with proficiency in technical writing
- Related work experience in a customer service industry, an advantage
- Willingness to work on night shifts is essential

Technical Support Engineer for Macromedia ColdFusion

- University degree in Computer Science or any related field/discipline
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- Proficiency in Java, Javascript, Linux, Win95/98/2K/NT
- Excellent technical knowledge in TCP/IP permissions
- Proficiency in working with RDMS'
- Fluent in written and spoken English with proficiency in technical writing
- Related work experience in a customer service industry, an advantage
- Willingness to work on night shifts is essential

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- University degree in Computer Science or any related field/discipline
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- Excellent communication skills
- Willing to travel to our branches nationwide

FINANCIAL ANALYST/S

- Female, Acctg. grad.
- With at least 2 yrs. exp. in financial analysis, budgeting, cost analysis, gen. Acctg., internal control dev't
- With excellent negotiating skills, computer literate

CASHIERS

- Female, Acctg. grad.
- With exp. in cashiering, payroll purchasing/canvassing, bank transactions, computer literate
- Willing for provincial assignment

PURCHASING OFFICERS

- Female, grad. of any buss. course or its equivalent
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- With excellent negotiating skills

SALES / MARKETING ASSOCIATES

- M/F, grad. of any 4-yr. course
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- Must have background in sales & mktg planning, market research, sales operation,
- With good command in english (oral & written)

AUDITORS / AUDIT STAFF

- Female, acctg. grad.
- Min. of 1 yr. exp. as auditor / audit staff
- Excellent communication skills, flexible

Only shortlisted candidates will be notified. (previous applicants need not apply)
HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
5F, Pilipinas Bank Bldg., 111 Paseo De Roxas cor. Legaspi St., Legaspi Vill. Makati City
or email to ognazareno@comglasco.com (no attachment please)

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graduate of any 4-year business course
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personable and can handle customer concerns and complaints effectively

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graduate of any 4-year business course
at least 1 year experience in cash or credit card transactions in the same capacity
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CUSTOMER RELATIONS SERVICE MANAGERS / SUPERVISORS

graduate of Criminology or at least 2nd year college
flexible to different work assignments and willing to be assigned in provincial branches
must be physically fit and willing to work on extended hours

Candidates for the position should have the following competencies:
excellent communication skills, both verbal and written form
can relate well to all levels of the organization
proficient in computer software applications
team-player, goal-oriented and able to work well under pressure
willing to grow with the organization
willing to work on weekends and holidays

Interested parties may apply personally from Mon. to Fri., 9am - 4 pm at the Personnel Department of SM Bicutan Department Store, Doña Soledad Avenue, Bicutan, Parañaque City. (Please bring 3 pcs. 2 x 2 colored picture with white background and photo copy of your Transcript of Records and College Diploma together with the original copy).

E-mail : Recruit.SM.HO@sm-shoemart.com

THE WORLD BANK OFFICE MANILA (WBOM)

For further decentralization of the World Bank's Infrastructure Program in the Philippines, the World Bank Office in Manila is recruiting the positions of: (a) Operations Officer (Infrastructure), and (b) Municipal Engineer. Both positions will require highly competent, results-oriented individuals to provide expert technical assistance and coordination skills related to the strengthening and expansion of World Bank-assisted program in Infrastructure Development, including the sub-sectors of urban development, water and sanitation, transportation, and energy. Based in Manila, he/she is expected to travel frequently within the country. Initially, the appointment is for a two-year term basis subject to one year probationary period, with a possibility of renewal. These positions are subject to local recruitment and compensation package and offers attractive, challenging and professional growth opportunities in working within a global development organization.

The selected candidates will report to the Team Leader for Infrastructure Unit and would have the following major duties and responsibilities:

OPERATIONS OFFICER (Infrastructure)

Duties and Accountabilities

- As a member of our Philippine Infrastructure team located in Manila, work closely with both our Manila and headquarter staff to provide expert technical assistance in the design and implementation of operations in Infrastructure as well as in policy development.
- Carry out responsibilities for a variety of operational tasks (e.g. participating as a number of a multi-disciplinary team and undertaking assignments for project preparation, appraisal and supervision in field of expertise).
- Provide inputs to or prepare diverse operational products / outputs (e.g. sector and country briefings, background reports, case studies, portfolio performance reviews, etc.).; review and process operational documents, coordinating across disciplines and project components with other team members; participate in missions and in discussions regarding advice to borrowers.
- Liaise with, and provide information, to relevant national and local government units, NGOs, peoples organizations, academic institutions, the private sector, international donor agencies, and other stakeholders on matters related to the Infrastructure Development sector in the country and World Bank assistance in the sector;
- Assist in coordinating World Bank activities in the Infrastructure Development sector.

Minimum qualifications, skills and competencies

- Master's Degree or higher in public sector management, economics, urban planning, social sciences and humanities, or other field related to urban development and infrastructure management.
- At least seven years of proven track record in working on infrastructure projects and analytical studies. Familiar with Philippine laws and regulations in the infrastructure sector, including government project approval and supervision procedures. Experience with development and implementation of World Bank or other donor-financed operations is desirable.
- Sector knowledge in at least one of the following areas: urban development and planning; decentralization and local government management; transportation; water and sanitation; energy.
- Outstanding interpersonal and networking skills, with a strong understanding of the institutional, social, political and cultural issues in one or more of the Infrastructure Development sub-sectors;
- Excellent team player, with a strong client and results orientation, high degree of adaptability, and ability to work independently, with minimum supervision;
- Excellent written and verbal language skills in English and Tagalog, and proficient computer skills.

MUNICIPAL ENGINEER

Duties and Accountabilities

- As a member of our Philippine Infrastructure team located in Manila, work closely with both our Manila and headquarter staff to provide expert technical assistance in the design and implementation of operations in Infrastructure as well as in policy development, focusing particularly on technical / engineering matters of infrastructure projects and policies.
- Carry out responsibilities for a variety of operational tasks (e.g. technical analyses, appraisal and supervision of engineering aspects of projects, review of technical specifications of procurement documents, etc.)
- Participate in developing and implementing sector strategy and assist in policy work.
- Participate in missions in area of specialization; provide technical inputs and guidance to counterparts on appropriate scope, technology, costs, etc; prepare terms of reference for project- or sector- related work.
- Liase with, and provide information, to relevant national and local government units, NGOs, peoples organizations, academic institutions, the private sector, international donor agencies, and other stakeholders on matters related to the Infrastructure Development sector in the country and World Bank assistance in the sector;
- Assist in coordinating World Bank activities in the Infrastructure Development sector.

Minimum qualifications, skills and competencies

- Master's Degree or higher in municipal or civil engineering.
- At least seven years of proven track record in designing and implementing projects in one or more of the sub-sectors, water supply, drainage, sanitation, transportation, or energy. Demonstrated technical expertise in the engineering aspects of one or more of these sub-sectors. Experience with development and implementation of World Bank or other donor-financed operations is desirable.
- Outstanding interpersonal and networking skills, with a strong understanding of the institutional, social, political and cultural issues in one or more of the Infrastructure Development sub-sectors;
- Excellent team player, with a strong client and results orientation, high degree of adaptability, and ability to work independently, with minimum supervision;
- Excellent written and verbal language skills in English and Tagalog, and proficient computer skills.

Please send your application letter, with a comprehensive resume with details of your work experience, academic records, recent photo, references (at least three names with full contact details) not later than September 6, 2002. Applicants who will be short-listed will be called upon for interview. Send the above to: **The Resource Management Officer, Box No. 300, c/o PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER, 5/F Building B, SM Megamall, Mandaluyong City.**

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Assigned to manage a data center, network expansion, computer-related HW/SW services, customer care services, & lead the team to complete projects & achieve specific objectives in a LAN-WAN environment with Linux, MS Windows NT/2000, various applications, over 20 servers, & over 10,000 customers.

Qualifications: Degree holder of BS ECE, computer science, or computer engineering; have at least 5 years progressive experience in data center management; must be good in handling multiple projects; knows theories of operating systems & data networks; can do cost-benefit analysis; preferably have experience in IT strategic planning & customer care.

PC/NETWORK ENGINEER

Assigned to do preventive & remedial maintenance of PCs & peripherals; ensure virus control, protection, & extermination; install & maintain PC software & networks; update the record of network nodes; monitor the campus network for traffic, security & other possible problems; & recommend improvements to the efficiency of the campus network.

Qualifications: Degree holder of BS ECE, computer science, or computer engineering; proficient in MS Windows 9x/2000, MS Office, Internet & e-mail; can assemble, troubleshoot, & maintain networked computers, peripherals, network equipment, & various software packages; can use anti-virus software & other tools; knows theories of operating systems & data networks; preferably with at least 2 years progressive experience.

SYSTEMS ANALYST

Assigned to design & develop information systems; prepare program assignment specifications; supervise, coordinate & control systems/software development projects at every stage; prepare test data & perform integration tests on systems under development; prepare project completion & costing reports.

Qualifications: Bachelor degree holder, preferably CS; knows Visual Basic, Visual FoxPro, ASP, Oracle development tools; with specialized training or relevant master's units in programming, systems analysis & design, & project management; preferably, with specialized training in design of Oracle & SQL server databases; has background in accounting principles; preferably, knows computer auditing concepts; at least one (1) year experience in systems analysis & design, & implementation of at least four (4) systems varied in terms of complexity & environment; good in oral & written communication.

TECHNICAL WRITER/WEB DESIGNER

Assigned to write & edit articles for web sites & newsletters, policies, procedures, & standards; maintain web sites; design forms & document fill-out instructions.

Qualifications: Bachelor degree holder; has basic computer background; experienced in editing, writing of articles & other documentation; knows MS Office, Adobe Pagemaker & any web authoring tools; preferably knows desktop publishing, forms design or graphics design; good in oral & written communication.

HELP DESK

Assigned to provide timely & prompt response to customers who request for help &/or service; generate service-related stat reports; write &/or compile relevant articles & updates on the use of computers & software; generate utilization reports on computer resources; provide computer facilities to customers.

Qualifications: Bachelor degree holder; knows MS Office, Internet, e-mail & web browsing; with technical writing skills; preferably, knows PC set-up & configuration; knows problem solving techniques; has customer-relation skills; good in oral & written communication.

If you are interested, please submit an application letter indicating the position applied for, ID picture (1 copy), Curriculum Vitae, & Transcript of Records. Please address the required documents to:

De La Salle University – Professional Schools, Inc.
Human Resources Office
Rm. 213 Gokongwei Building
2401 Taft Avenue, 1004 Manila
delarosad@dlsu.edu.ph

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- Male, not more than 26 years of age. At least 5'6" in height;
- Graduate of any Medical Course;
- Must be computer literate;
- With excellent written and oral communication skills.

HUMAN RESOURCES ASSISTANT

- Female, not more than 25 years of age;
- Graduate of BS Psychology, Behavioral Science,or any related course;
- Knowledgeable in all facets of Human Resources;
- With at least 6 months to 1 year experience;
- With excellent oral and written communication skills.

GENERAL CLERKS

- Male/Female, not more than 25 years of age;
- Graduate of BS Accountancy or any related business course;
- Proficient in the use of MS Word and MS Excel.

We are also in need of Registered Nurses and Medical Technologist.

Qualified and interested applicants are requested to apply personally. Bring resumé, transcript of records and 2x2 photo at: Medicard Phils., Inc.: Human Resources Department - 5/F Sagittarius Bldg., H.V. Dela Costa St., Salcedo Village, Makati City. Email us at amamatra@medicardphils.com

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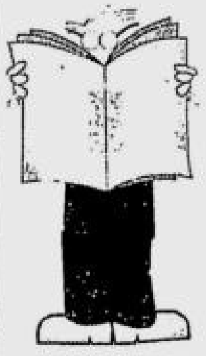

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Qualifications:

- Male or Female between 20 to 35 years of age
- Graduate from top local or international university
- Excellent communication and written skills in English, Filipino (and/or Chinese)
- Relevant financial experience is preferred
- Established account relationship with high net worth private and institutional clients
- Pleasing and impressive personality
- With good analytical skills and can work with minimum supervision
- With high inclination to marketing
- Fresh graduates are welcome to apply

Come in proper business attire with resumé, transcript of records, and two 2x2 pictures at:

Unit 907-B, West Tower, Philippine Stock Exchange Center,
Exchange Road, Ortigas Centre, Pasig City

Or send your resumé to recruitment_pm@lycos.com
(send with no attachments)
Fax # 6381348
Interview schedule is on August 26-27, 2002
from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm and 1:30 pm to 5:30 pm
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We Urgently Need Skilled Individuals for the following positions:

Technical Logistics Personnel for IT products

Male with a computer-related degree
Knowledge on PC hardware a must Background on Windows OS and applications is preferred but not necessary
With driver's license, can drive motorcycle or car.

Sales Executive for Non Linear Editing Services

Male/Female with a degree in Marketing or communication arts or multimedia arts from a reputable college or university
Knowledge on Video Editing applications and basic PC knowledge
Very good communication skills
Willing to work long hours and minimum supervision
Preferably can speak **Chinese**
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Due to the urgency, please e-mail your resumé to hason@mydestiny.net, or apply in person (bring 2x2 photo, resumé and other credentials) at address: Unit 1203 Global Tower Bldg., Gen. Mascardo St., corner Capt. M. Reyes Sts., Bangkal, Makati City.

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- Very pleasing personality
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- Graduate of Hotel & Restaurant Management, Food Nutrition or any related 4-year course
- With at least 2 years work experience in Fast Food Restaurant
- A Team Player with positive work attitude
- Must be results-oriented, assertive, able to work under pressure

MARKETING SUPERVISOR (CODE: MS)

- Female, not more than 30 years old
- Very pleasing personality
- Graduate of any 4-year course preferably Marketing or Communication Arts
- With at least 3 years marketing or advertising experience in any food service companies
- Highly motivated with excellent oral and written communication skills
- Will be responsible for the implementation of chain wide marketing and promotional plans

HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICER (CODE: HRO)

- Female, not more than 45 years old
- B.S. Psychology or Behavioral Science Graduate
- With at least 3 years work experience in the same position
- Aggressive and with excellent oral and written skills
- Has a strong interpersonal skills with a high degree of integrity and dedication
- Must be results-oriented, assertive and with strong leadership

MANAGEMENT TRAINEES (CODE: MT)

- Male/Female, 21-25 years old
- Graduate of B.S. HRM, B.S. BA or any 4-year course
- Preferably with 1 year experience in food establishment
- Computer literate with good oral and written communication skills
- Highly motivated, self starter and results-oriented

ACCOUNTANT

- Female, Accounting graduate, preferably CPA
- Computer literacy is required
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☑ Must be at least 21 years old
☑ Graduate of a four-year course
☑ Computer literate
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ACCOUNTING CLERK

Preferably Female, 20-28 years old. Graduate of any accounting course from a reputable school. Computer literate, can work well under pressure.

Interested applicants may submit in their resumés to:

THE HUMAN RESOURCES
GIGAHERTZ COMPUTER SYSTEM
622 JTIC Building, Shaw Boulevard corner
Samat Street, Mandaluyong City

or you may apply personally at the above address and look for Ms. Norma Maglaya.

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One (1) Accountant

Female, preferably single, minimum 5 years work experience, will also be tasked to handle administrative functions

Four (4) Sales/Marketing Staff

Female, not more than 26 years old, single, has good command of written and spoken English, excellent correspondence skills

One (1) Sales/Marketing Staff for Hotel Amenities

Female, single, 4 or 5-star Hotel work experience, must have worked in Purchasing Department

One (1) Network Administrator

Male, preferably single, must be highly knowledgeable in network maintenance and troubleshooting

One (1) IT Hardware Specialist

Male, preferably single, extensive experience in this field is a must

Fashion/Graphic Designer

Preferably single, not more than 30 years old, knowledgeable in garment making, high creativity and conceptualization skills, proficient with Photoshop and other Design software, familiar with corporate identity standards, minimum 3 years experience in the said field.

Applicants must be University graduates with above-average standing, hardworking, and independent, responsible and can work with minimum supervision in a multi-cultural setting.

We offer above industry compensation, opportunity to travel, plus other benefits. Applicants must be able to secure their own passports and other travel documents.

Applications will be accepted on August 19 and 20, 2002 ONLY, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at **G/F MFT International, First Midland Office Condominium, 109 Gamboa Street, Legaspi Village, Makati City (Behind AIM, near Greenbelt)** Submit your 2x2 photo, application letter and resumé in a long brown envelope. INDICATE NAME AND POSITION APPLIED FOR, ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE ENVELOPE.

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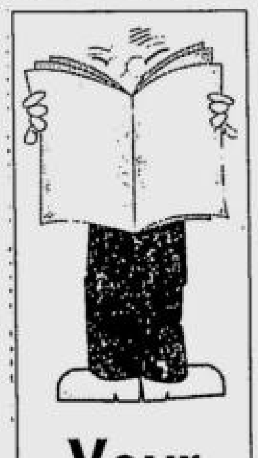

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- Supervisory experience preferred.
- Willing to work on shifting basis.

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- 2 years work experience in a kitchen, preferably in Quick Service.
- Can work on a full time basis.

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- At least 2nd year college student (can train full time for 1 month). Part time basis.
- Work experience in any restaurant

Please send your resume to
P.O. Box 511
Greenhills Post Office
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ACCOUNTING STAFF

- Female, not more than 30 years old
- Graduate of BS Accountancy
- With at least 1 year related experience in a accounts payable and preparation of government remittances
- Has excellent oral and written communication skills
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- Preferably female
- Must be very fluent in English
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- Experience in telemarketing is a plus
- Has an appealing phone voice
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- Could work with minimum supervision
- Self-motivated and goal oriented
- Confident

Those interested apply in business attire on Tuesday, August 27, 10:00 am. Look for Mr. Miguel of Lotus Subscription Inc.
23rd Floor Summit Business Center, Summit 1 Tower
530 Shaw Blvd., Mandaluyong City

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Will be responsible for providing post sales support to clients.

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- Engineering Graduate.
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Qualifications:
- College graduate in reputable schools.
- Experienced in I.C.T. Sales.
- Strong sales experience in the manufacturing, retail and pharmaceutical market is an advantage.

Please send complete resumé, recent 2x2 photo to:

Zenshin Systems Corp.
25 G. Roxas St., Brgy. San Jose, Quezon City
Email: rtlim@zenshin.com.ph

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EDUCATION : B.S. Civil Engineering (BSCE) - Licensed
EXPERIENCE : Four (4) years work experience in building construction quality control, quantity survey and estimating: preferably in government or foreign assisted projects
OTHERS : *Computer literate
*Good Communication skills and can relate well with superiors and subordinates

ARCHITECTS

EDUCATION : B.S. Architecture - Licensed
EXPERIENCE : At least four (4) years experience in building design, quality assurance, preferably in government or foreign assisted projects.
OTHERS : *Computer literate.
*Good Communication skills and can relate well with superiors and subordinates

DRAFTSMEN

EDUCATION : B.S. Architecture/Architectural Drafting
EXPERIENCE : One (1) to two (2) years work experience in drafting/drawing.
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NOTE: POSITIONS ARE FOR PROVINCIAL ASSIGNMENTS.

Qualified applicants are requested to bring/send their comprehensive curriculum vitaé with their latest 2x2 colored picture to:

The Human Resources Department
Mohri & P.A. Associates, Inc.
2/F CASMER Bldg.
195 Salcedo St., Legaspi Village
Makati City 1229

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ONE (1) SALES EXECUTIVE (Code: SE)
Preferably with Sales, Hotel and Restaurant experience

ONE (1) FEMALE ACCOUNTANT (Code: Acct)
Extensive Accounting experience favored
Knowledge in SUN ACCOUNTING SYSTEM an advantage
Non-CPA's also welcome to apply

ONE (1) FEMALE ACCOUNTING ASSISTANT (Code: AA)
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ONE (1) MALE TECHNICIAN (Code: Tech)
Able to read schematic diagrams, with ability to troubleshoot electronic boards and printer mechanical assemblies

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High caliber Engineer with extensive experience in POS Operations and with excellent administrative skills

Please submit/send your application letter and resumé to

MICROS-Fidelio Software (Philippines), Inc.
2305B East Tower PSEC Exchange Road
Ortigas Center, Pasig City 1600

WANTED IMMEDIATELY

ADMIN & FINANCE OFFICER
- Female, with pleasing personality
- Accounting graduate, at least 30 years old
- With extensive knowledge in Accounting works such as F/S preparation, costing, budgeting, payables, etc.
- With exposure in handling Administrative works
- Good interpersonal skills with good command of the English language

COMPANY DRIVER
- Male, college level, 25-35 years old
- With good moral character
- Knowledgeable in Metro Manila routes
- With at least 3 years experience in driving
- Possesses a valid driver's license

STOCK CUSTODIAN
- Male, college level, 25-35 years old
- With at least 2 years experience
- With 3 years driving experience

Please come for interview with your resumé and 2x2 picture as scheduled at the following address:

For Admin & Finance Officer - August 26
For Driver/Stock Custodian - August 27

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Salcedo Village, Makati City

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- To assist engineering personnel in ensuring safety and risk management in all process modifications and engineering changes.

The qualifications:
- Male, 25 to 30 years old.
- Should be a Licensed Mechanical, Chemical, Industrial or Electrical Engineer.
- Computer literate (Word, Excel, Powerpoint, MS Project or Primavera)
- Must be results oriented, flexible, self-motivated and possess a strong sense of urgency and enthusiasm in his work.
- With working experience in a manufacturing industry..

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We are looking for two persons to fill up the position. The welding sales specialist will be responsible for the overall development of joining electrodes, gas equipment, and related welding consumable product line by getting and managing new accounts, and assisting the area salespeople in selling to prospective customers.

Qualifications:
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- With four (4) years previous experience in related job function in a welding supply company handling similar products.
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- Must have a valid driver's license, preferably with at least 2 years driving experience.
- Preferably with knowledge in computer application (Word, Excel, Powerpoint)
- Results-oriented and sociable, with good communication skills.

This is an immediate requirement, all interested applicants are requested to send their resumé, with 2x2 picture to:

THE HUMAN RESOURCES DIVISION
Consolidated Industrial Gases, Inc.
CIGI Building, Sheridan Street, Mandaluyong City
Email Address: sol.himan@cigi.com.ph

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Qualifications:

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CONTACT US AND SEND IN YOUR RESUME':

Phone : 533-8001 locals 6801, 6802, and 6805
Fax : 5310370
Email : jsr@easycall.net.ph
Internet : www.tdgworld.com
Walk-In : THE HUMAN RESOURCES DIVISION
- RECRUITMENT DEPARTMENT
418 Arayat corner Libertad Streets, Mandaluyong City

SWISHER

SWISHER PHILIPPINES
an International Hygiene & Sanitation Company
is in immediate need of the following:

SALES & MARKETING MANAGER

Qualifications:
- ✓ Minimum five (5) years experience in Sales
- ✓ Proven track record in sales
- ✓ Minimum of one (1) year in managerial position
- ✓ College graduate, preferably with a Bachelor's Degree in Business
- ✓ Hardworking, results-oriented, assertive, with excellent communication skills
- ✓ Preferably has a good network in the restaurant industry

SALES & MARKETING ASSISTANTS

Qualifications:
- ✓ Minimum one (1) year experience in Sales
- ✓ Proven track record in sales
- ✓ College graduate, preferably with a Bachelor's Degree in Business
- ✓ Hardworking, career and goal-oriented, assertive, with excellent communication skills

For serious applicants only. Please send comprehensive resumé with picture, transcript of records and reference letter from previous employer to:

105 Sgt. Catolos Street
Cubao, Quezon City
Or email to swisherphil@yahoo.com

FOR IMMEDIATE EMPLOYMENT

COLLECTION SPECIALIST

- Male
- Accounting graduate
- Not more than 40 years old
- At least 5 years experience in collection and finance
- Computer literate, preferably Microsoft Excel, Powerpoint
- Excellent in oral and written communications
- Excellent interpersonal skills

Interested parties may send their resumé with 2x2 photo, transcript of records to:

Box KA-014-02-CS
c/o Philippine Daily Inquirer
Classified Ads Division
G/F Trinity Building, 636 T.M. Kalaw Street
Ermita, Manila
Email: jm1@inquirer.com.ph

A social enterprise organization engaged in Fair Traded Handicrafts is in urgent need of energetic and innovative people for the following posts:

DEPOT SUPERVISOR

- ☑ A graduate of Business Administration major in Marketing or any business related course
- ☑ Must have proficiency with Inventory Management with computer literacy
- ☑ At least 2-5 years experience in wholesale operations
- ☑ At least 25-35 years old
- ☑ Must be a team player with good oral and written communication

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

- ☑ Graduate of any business course
- ☑ Proficiency in computer is required
- ☑ Must have excellent written and oral communication skills, a team player, highly organized, hardworking, patient and personable
- ☑ Must have at least 2 years experience in the different facets of administrative functions
- ☑ At least 25-35 years old

Written applications with your curriculum vitaé should be sent to the Executive Director at 2594 Lamayan Street, Sta. Ana, Manila or through Fax No. 563-4692, e-mail safrudi@skyinet.net and must arrive not later than **02 September 2002**. Ony pre-qualified applicants will be notified.

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3 SALES EXECUTIVES (M/F) — Coll. grad w/computer skills incl. email - can work under pressure - exp. in corporate sales - fluent in english - will be ABLE to drive sales - results oriented - below 40.

1 SALES/MARKETING ASSISTANT (F) — Coll. grad w/computer skills incl. email - organization skills - can work under pressure - fluent in english - will support sales teams. - below 30 - preferably stay-in.

1 COMPUTER PROG. (M/F) — Database/ programmer for internet sites - basic computer maintenance - lay-outing skills

2 PATTERN MAKERS / SAMPLE MAKERS (M/F) — 2-3 years exp. minimum in leather goods or bags making - good sense of design - creative

1 SILK SCREEN PRINTER (M) — Knowl. screen printing in all surf. - pad printing - Knowl. about various techniques & inks.

2 DELIVERY MOTORIST/DRIVER (M) — Good moral - Driver Car/Moto Licence - Knowl. about Makati and Ortigas areas - Reliable

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e. Computer literate.

Please mail or fax your detailed resume w/ 2x2 picture.to:

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Eastern Shipping Lines, Inc.
Eastern Shipping Lines Building,
Anda Circle, Port Area, Manila
Fax No. 527-3006

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This Senior-level position will be tasked to aggressively expand present client base and to establish effective customer retention programs. He shall spearhead efficient and professional approach to development of new accounts and customer service to ensure that individual targets are met.

Qualifications:

- ☑ With minimum of 3 years experience in a travel agency environment as Senior Manager or 5 years as Supervisor
- ☑ Must possess excellent general management skills, a self-starter, results-driven, and can manage changes well
- ☑ Must be a team-player, can work effectively cross-functionally, and has the ability to work well under pressure
- ☑ Has commitment to excellent customer service and the company's code of ethics
- ☑ Mandarin speaking is preferred

Compensation:

Commensurate to experience.

Applicants who are interested in above post and possess the given qualifications are requested to e-mail applications not later than **August 31, 2002** to:

mcgomez@magsaysay.com.ph

An established food manufacturing company is urgently in need of the following:

MARKETING MANAGER

- Male or female
- With at least 3 years of experience in planning and implementing marketing strategies related to food or beverage

BRAND MANAGER

- Male or female
- With at least 3 years of experience in brand management for food manufacturing establishment

OTHER POSITIONS AVAILABLE

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- Institutional/Booking/Ex-truck (Metro Manila/Provincial)

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COMPUTER PROGRAMMER
ENCODER/COMPUTER STAFF
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
FOOD TECHNOLOGIST
TRUCK MECHANIC
BEVERAGE DISPENSER TECHNICIAN
PROMO GIRLS

- Applicants for the above positions must have experience preferably in food manufacturing companies.

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Account Executive

- 20 to 24 years old
- Can drive, must have driver's license

Telemarketers/ Account Executive

- College graduate, any business course will also be accepted
- Must be familiar with different dogs' breed
- 20 to 24 years old
- Can speak fluent in English
- Computer literate

Store Supervisor

- Female, 22 to 26 years old with pleasing personality
- Graduate of any 4 years course, computer literate
- With good leadership and willing to work long hours and under pressure
- With experience in retail business
- Willing to be assigned in any Metro Manila branches

Driver

- With 2 years driving experience

Interested applicants must bring resumé with picture at:

3rd Floor, No. 18, Kamuning Road,
Quezon City
For interview schedule:
(Tuesday) August 27 & (Wednesday) August 28, 2002
2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

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- Has strong sales skill set
- Ability to identify and solve clients/customer problems
- Details oriented and have excellent analytical and organizational skills

You may apply personally or submit your application letter and resumé, together with transcript of records, on or before August 31 at:

The HRD
PhilBizInfo, Inc.
3rd Floor, NYS Building,
1156 Chino Roces Avenue,
Makati City/ or e-mail to **hr@philbizinfo.com**
or thru fax no. 896-15-24

PACIFIC EAST ASIA CARGO AIRLINES

NEEDS:

2 ACCOUNTING ASSISTANTS

- ○ Good communication skills
- ○ Proficient in Microsoft Excel & Word
- ○ Accounting major
- ○ Experience is an advantage
- ○ Male or Female, not more than 27 years old, preferably single

1 OPERATIONS ASSISTANT (Cebu)

- ○ Good communication skills
- ○ Knowledgeable in Microsoft Excel & Word
- ○ Must be a college graduate
- ○ Experience is an advantage but not necessary
- ○ Male or Female, not more than 27 years old
- ○ Must be a resident of Cebu

1 MARKETING AND SALES EXECUTIVE

- ○ Good communication skills
- ○ Computer literate
- ○ Must be a college graduate
- ○ Experience is an advantage but not necessary
- ○ Female, not more than 27 years old, preferably single

Pls. hand carry your resumé with recent 2x2 picture and school transcript of records on August 26, 2002 from 8am to 5pm at **PACIFIC EAST ASIA CARGO AIRLINES, INC.** at 2nd floor, International Cargo Terminal Bldg., NAIA Complex Pasay City.

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- Male, 21-25 years old; graduate of Engineering course: EE/ME/ChE.
- Preferably with 2-3 years work experience as Safety Engineer/Officer and with exposure to Basic Occupational Safety and Health rules and regulations.
- ☑ **Place of Assignment:** Sta. Maria, Bulacan

PROCESS ENGINEERS (2)

- Male, 20-30 years old
- Graduate of B.S. Chemical Engineering (License not required but an advantage).
- Experience preferred but fresh graduates with good potentials are welcome to apply.
- With good scholastic records; computer literate.
- ☑ **Place of Assignment:** Sta. Maria, Bulacan

SHIFT/CADET ENGINEERS (2)

- Male, 20-30 years old
- Graduate of B.S. Mechanical or Chemical Engineering; Licensed.
- Must have at least 1 year work experience on production/operations of a manufacturing firm.
- Excellent communication, presentation and leadership skills.
- ☑ **Place of Assignment:** Marilao, Bulacan

ELECTRICAL TECHNICIAN

- Male, 22-25 years old; Electrical Technology graduate.
- Must be familiar with switch gear, electrical controls, motor controls and PLC (Programmable Logic Control).
- Good body built.
- ☑ **Place of Assignment:** Quezon City

Q.A. SUPERVISOR

- Male, 25-35 years old; Engineering graduate: ME, EE, or ECE.
- Must have at least 2 years related work experience as Q.A. Supervisor/Engineer preferably in a plastic mold manufacturing firm.
- Must have exposure on ISO 9000/14000, SPC, TQM, 5S, Kaizen and other Quality Systems.
- Excellent communication and leadership skills.
- ☑ **Place of Assignment:** Quezon City

SENIOR ACCOUNTANT

- Male/Female, 23-26 years old; must be a CPA.
- Graduate of B.S. Accountancy from reputable universities.
- Proficient in Microsoft applications; with excellent communication skills and good scholastic records.
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- Excellent communication, presentation and leadership skills.
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80-82 Roces Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City

☑ ***Previous applicants need not apply.***

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- Proficient in both oral and written communications particularly in the preparation of Engineering Reports
- Computer literate

QUALITY ASSURANCE MANAGER
(CODE: QM)

- Male/Female
- With a Bachelor's degree in Food Technology, Biotechnology or Chemistry
- Minimum of 10 years experience in Quality Control, or analytical fields involving a food or beverage industry
- Must have a sound knowledge of HACCP, Quality Systems and statistical process control
- Proficient in both oral and written communications
- Computer literate

LOGISTICS MANAGER
(CODE: LM)

- Male/Female, between 30 - 40 years old
- Must be an Engineering or Business course graduate
- Minimum of 5 years related work experience in the field of Distribution and Logistics (at least 2 years gained in a managerial capacity)
- Computer literate

ORACLE DATABASE ADMINISTRATOR
(CODE: DBA)

- Male/Female, at least 25 years old
- BS Graduate of an IT-related course (Computer Science or Engineering) with good scholastic record
- Minimum of 3 years solid experience in Oracle Database 8 Administration and 2 years in Oracle Programming (Developer Forms, Reports, PL/SQL)
- Experienced in IBM AIX/HP Unix / Sun Solaris
- Knowledgeable in Oracle Database performance tuning
- Familiarity with systems administration on the following is an advantage: Oracle Financials Rel 11 / Oracle Process Manufacturing Rel 11 / Oracle Sales Analyzer / Oracle Financial Analyzer
- Proficient in both oral and written communications
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Qualified applicants may send application letters with detailed resume, transcript of records and latest 2x2 photo to:

HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
Alaska Milk Corporation
6/F Corinthian Plaza, 121 Paseo de Roxas, Makati City 1226
or email to pearl_miranda@alaskamilk.com.ph

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Philippine Daily Inquirer
Chino Roces Avenue (formerly Pasong Tamo)
Corner Yague and Mascardo Streets,
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E-mail: recruitment@inquirer.com.ph

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- Graduate of Medicine (specialization Family Medicine);
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- At least 1 year work experience in the same capacity;
- With excellent communication skills;
- Must be organized and systematic.

NURSES (8)

- Must be a registered nurse;
- Male/Female, between 22-28 years old;
- Must be customer oriented and able to deal with different types of people;
- With at least 2 years work experience in the same capacity;
- With excellent communication skills;
- Computer literate.

MEDICAL TECHNOLOGISTS (3)

- Male/Female, at least 2 years work experience gained in a clinical setting;
- Between 22-30 years old;
- Must be organized, systematic and computer literate.

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- Male/Female, between 22-30 years old;
- With at least 2 years work experience in the same capacity;
- Can operate ultra sound machine;
- Computer literate.

PHYSICAL THERAPISTS (2)

- Male/Female, 22-30 years old;
- Must be a registered physical therapist;
- Computer literate.

MARKETING ASSISTANT

- Male/Female, 23-29 years old;
- Preferably graduate of medical course;
- With above average communication skills;
- Computer literate.

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Humana Medical
G/F King's Court II Building,
Don Chino Roces Avenue, Makati City

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- ✓ Fluent in English or Chinese
- ✓ With pleasing personality

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The country's leading newspaper is looking for:

COLLECTION CLERK

- College graduate preferably with background in Finance or Accounting
- 1 year experience in collection work or similar field
- Licensed motorcycle driver (with professional driver's license, restrictions 1 & 2)

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Philippine Daily Inquirer
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Corner Yague and Mascardo Streets,
Makati City

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From go-go girls to recording stars to role models, these perky young things have come a long way from being mere eye candy on a noontime show

Sex Bomb Girls Take Over

By Eric S. Caruncho
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LAME it on Tom Jones.

Before the superannuated Welsh stud came out of semi-retirement with his comeback hit, the girls went by the somewhat generic name of Dance Focus. Then they changed their name—don't ask why—to Chicken Sandwich.

Back then they were little more than moving wallpaper on "Eat Bulaga," an occasional foil for the show's wisecracking hosts, something to spice up the usual lunchtime fare.

But when Jones' "Sex Bomb" hit the airwaves, and the girls started moving and grooving to it with their signature bumps, grinds and pelvic thrusts, they found their true identity.

And now the Sex Bomb Girls are practically a franchise. Their first album, "Unang Putok," went gold in less than a month, and is reportedly the top-selling OPM title in many record stores. The album's first two singles—"Bakit Papa?" and "Pretty Little Baby"—are doing well on the charts. As might be expected, pirate versions of the CD have already come out. In the time-honored tradition of striking while the iron is hot, their record company is already planning a Christmas album for the girls.

Meanwhile, the girls have been enshrined as male fantasy objects on the July cover of FHM. The same men's magazine ranked lead Sex Bomb dancer Rochelle 21st in its annual readers' poll of the 100 sexiest women in the world.

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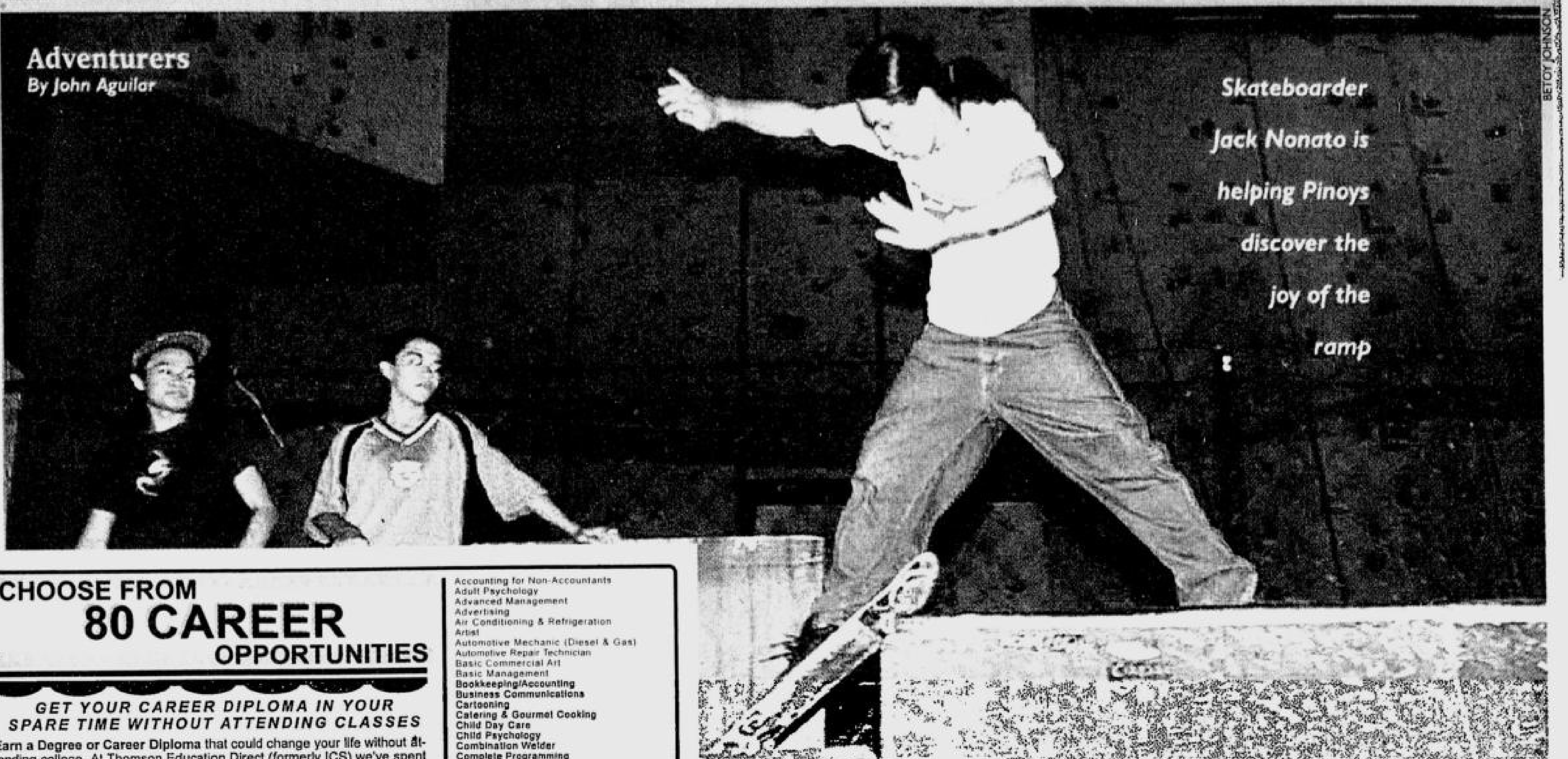
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Skateboarder Jack Nonato is helping Pinoys discover the joy of the ramp

One Man Standing

Ask any avid skater what he'd wish for the most and he'd probably give you one answer: his very own skatepark. But 25-year-old Leonell Allan "Jack" Nonato didn't just wish for a skatepark; he actually made one—the country's first ever—with his bare hands.

Until recently, skateboarders, in-line skaters and BMX riders were not really considered serious athletes and were dismissed as street nomads looking out for the next neighborhood or sidewalk to crash with their wild and daring stunts.

"They thought we were just a bunch of dirty and cocky kids showing off," Nonato says of common perception about them. "We would get harassed by police and security guards whenever we skated on the streets."

Local skaters didn't have a venue to express their craft, and the desire for a skatepark similar to those seen on TV in the X-Games grew with every resentful experience. Nonato knew he had to do something.

Today, at an obscure covered parking lot at the Marikina Riverbanks Mall lies an assorted mix of ramps, obstacles and ledges which have collectively come to be known as the Jackass Project Skatepark. It is a product of years of dreaming, and months of hard, serious labor. The story of how Jack Nonato almost single handedly put it together is one for the books.

Nonato, with the help of a few skater friends, literally put the skatepark together using their bare hands. The materials used for the park came from the ramps used at the Phillips Rush X and Phillips X Rage skating competitions held November 2000 and May 2001, respectively. Organizers of the event wanted to send the scrap metal and wood used for the ramps to the junkyard, but Nonato saw the potential of the raw materials as the answer to their frustrations. As they say, one man's garbage is another man's treasure. After numerous negotiations and begging, Phillips finally relented and agreed to donate the scrap to Nonato.

Nonato had the materials, but his trials were only just beginning. With little money and a lot of time and patience, Nonato started working on the logistical nightmare of putting together an entire skatepark from scratch. He found a dirty covered parking lot located at the Riverbanks Mall beside the resurgent Marikina River, and hired two trucks to make a one-time haul of the load of scrap that would otherwise have to be carried by six trucks. With no cranes or power tools to work with, Nonato, along with girlfriend and business partner Hazel Borja plus two or three skater friends at a time, pushed and strained to put the ramps and obstacles in place. "We were pushing ramps four times our body weight," he recalls.

Putting the ramps in place was one thing; making them look decent and presentable was another. The daunting task of cleaning the place and painting the ramps fell on some local skaters whom Nonato hired. He offered them food, transportation allowance, and a free 3-hour session worth P55 at the park once it was finished for every day of work they put in. An added unspoken incentive in helping put up the park was the chance to be part of something that they only once dreamed about. "If you help out, you get to be one of the pioneers of the Philippine's very first skatepark," Nonato told them.

When the park finally took shape, it consisted of all the elements of a good, solid skatepark. There was a quarter pipe, roll-in, launch ramp, box jump, a mini quarter pipe, ledge box, and numerous railings. It was a beautiful piece of work.

The skatepark opened in September last year. The day marked a defining moment in Philippine skating history: no longer would skaters be forced to wield their gravity-defying moves on public rails and sidewalks.

The untrained eye might perceive the skatepark as nothing but a haphazard juxtaposition of wood and steel, but seasoned extreme athletes would say otherwise. Recent visitor to the skatepark American surfer/skater Brian Cambier who resides in Siargao, was so impressed with the high quality of the skatepark that he claims that, despite its small scale, the Jackass Project Skatepark ranks among the top 10 skateparks he has ever had the privilege to skate in.

"Everything here is the same," says Filipino in-line skater Mark Bandigan, who lives mainly in California. "The main difference is this one is compact unlike the skateparks in the States which are bigger. But it's got everything."

Word-of-mouth has lured other skaters from nearby communities and outlying towns. Finally, skaters can practice and perform their stunts in relative safety, away from the dangerous sidewalks and disapproving stares of people who do not understand their sport.

Since its opening, the Jackass Project skatepark has been getting good business, with skaters coming from as far away as Laguna and Baguio. BMX bikers would even ride their bikes from nearby provinces to Marikina to check out the skatepark.

Nonato credits his humble beginnings and the fact that he had to put himself through college when his mother passed away, as instrumental in helping him do things on his own. Girlfriend Hazel has been supportive all the way. "Win or lose, at least you were able to fulfill your dream," she once told Nonato.

The dreaming, however, is far from over. "If there is one basketball court for every barangay," Nonato declares, "there should also be one skatepark for every city." A bold statement for the skateboard visionary, but one which you know he will accomplish, even if he has to carry four times his body weight again.

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Exotic selections from Southern Philippines take center stage as The Richmonde Hotel in Ortigas Center holds a Regional Food Festival until today. *For more of This Week, see page 7.*

Song of the Moth

It is evening.
The cicadas chant

their one-note hymn.
The air hums

with the heat.
I fly into a room

filled with so much
light.

I circle the candle
burning in the center

like a brilliant
star,

going round and round,
closer and closer

until my wings
are singed

by the flame.
My friends are waiting

outside,
in the gathering dark.

But who will
come back?

My wings
have become dust,

my body,
ashes.

And in the morning,
the candle

would have become
a wick.

Danton Remoto

Malikmata

Mahirap mangamba kapag kanlig ka.
Walang tataluping talukap o burdang
tatastasin. Walang duda o malisyang

kinikilatis 'pag maligaw ang kamay
sa kabilang bandang lahat hindi bawal.
Sa 'ting panaginip, patay ang kaaway.

Walang kahulugan ang kislot ng lawas.
Hindi babasahan ang bagong kuwintas,
ni dayuhang ngalan sa dilang nadulas.

Gagalugarin ko ang lukot ng kumot,
nandoon ang agwat sa lalim ng gusot.
Bulagang imahen sa mulat na tulog:

'Sang inang-alamid, nagulumihanan
sa kanyang paggising. Napansin ang kulang,
ang bakas ng kanyang kuting na lumisan.

Mayo Uno Martin

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Sex Bomb

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The Sex Bomb Girls have also started shooting "Bakit Papa?," their first movie, for Regal Films. They receive star billing along with Allan K. and Epy Quizon.

The girls are booked solid, with live shows, mall tours, provincial sorties and next month, their first solo concert at the Music Museum.

Only in the Philippines can a bunch of squealing go-go girls become stars—role models even. But then, good, clean, mindless fun is a cornerstone of the Filipino way of life.

All the girls have fans. Not just Rochelle, though she does seem to have the most, but also Izzy, May, Grace, Sandy, Jackie, Jopay, Yvette, Monique, Ira, Weng, Cherry, and Mia.

I got my first glimpse of Sex Bomb mania in the studio from where "Eat Bulaga" is broadcast live every weekday at noon.

A large proportion of the studio audience was clearly there for the Sex Bomb girls. From the moment the girls broke into their opening dance number to their last exit, their fans cheered them, held up posters—some enterprising bootlegger was selling them on sidewalks for P10—and on occasion rose from their seats and imitated the girls' signature bumps and grinds.

I imagined that the bulk of the fans would be guys. Much to my surprise, most of them turned out to be young girls, pre-teens who knew the group's every move and every squeal. They don't want to date the Sex Bomb Girls, they want to *be* them.

And then there was the grandfather in the intensive care ward whose last wish was to see the Sex Bomb Girls in the flesh, before he kicked the bucket. A diehard fan, he got his wish, and—the story varies—either died happy or made a miraculous recovery.

The fact is, for all their booty-shaking, the Sex Bomb Girls are wholesome family entertainment. True, they wear those hot pants that hug every bootylicious curve, but they're also required to wear those flesh-colored stockings under them, just like your third grade schoolteacher used to wear.

That seems to be the key to their mass appeal—the fact that they're typical young girls, not too different from the girls in your average neighborhood. They're pretty, but not movie-star pretty; they've got good figures, but not ramp model or porn star bodies. They're reachable stars.

Plus, they work at it.

"This is a 24-hour job," say the girls, whose ages range from 17 to 20. "*Minsan madaling-araw na kami umuuwi* (We sometimes work until dawn)."

When they're not performing, the girls are rehearsing and developing new dance routines and musical numbers. Now that the Sex Bomb Singers have come into their own, the show is a more diversified package.

"We're also very friendly to fans," the girls add.

"*Kahit siksikan, pawis na pawis, nakikipag-usap pa rin sila sa mga* fans (Yes, even when they're sweaty from all that crowding," agrees Joy Cancio, the Sex Bombs' manager, choreographer and mother hen. A former member of the Vicor Dancers, Cancio is also stage director of "Eat Bulaga."

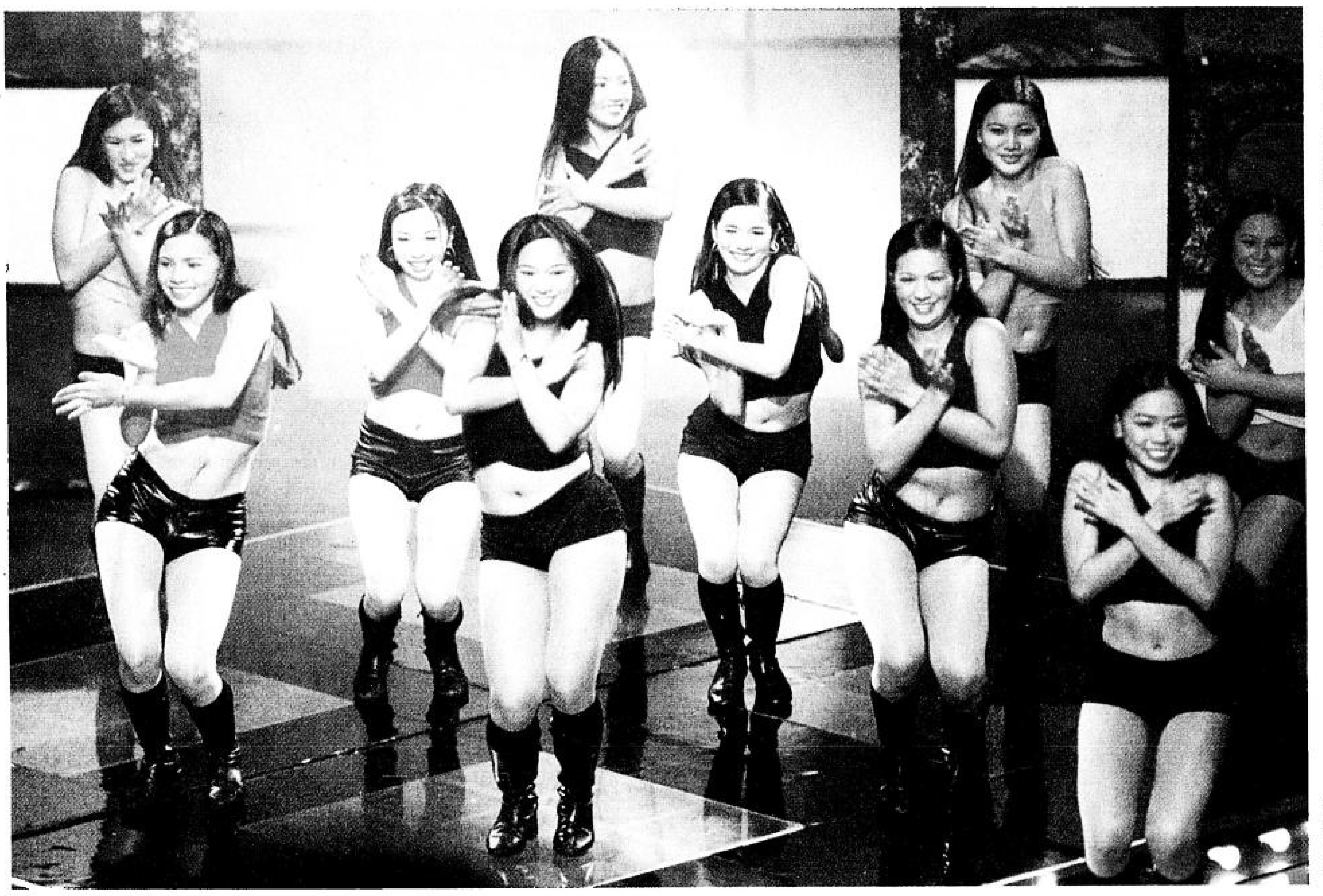
Young fan cheers the Sex Bomb Girls

What does it take to be a Sex Bomb?

"*Disiplina sa sarili, madaling maka*-pickup *ng* steps, *kayang humabol, at s'yempre, may itsura*, (discipline, quick pick-up of dance steps, good looks)" say the girls. There are also rules to be followed while a girl is an active member of the group: "*Bawal mag-asawa, bawal mabuntis, bawal rumacket* (You can't get married, get pregnant or have sidelines.)"

Not surprisingly, a host of imitators have sprouted. There's even a troupe of little girls calling themselves the Sex Grenades. Rather than be offended—these are after all just fans who have taken the next step—the Sex Bomb Girls gave them make-up tips and some big-sisterly advice: stay in school.

In the fickle world of local entertainment, there's no telling how far the Sex Bomb Girls can go. They may already have reached their peak. But for the moment, the girls are riding high, using what they've got to get what they want.



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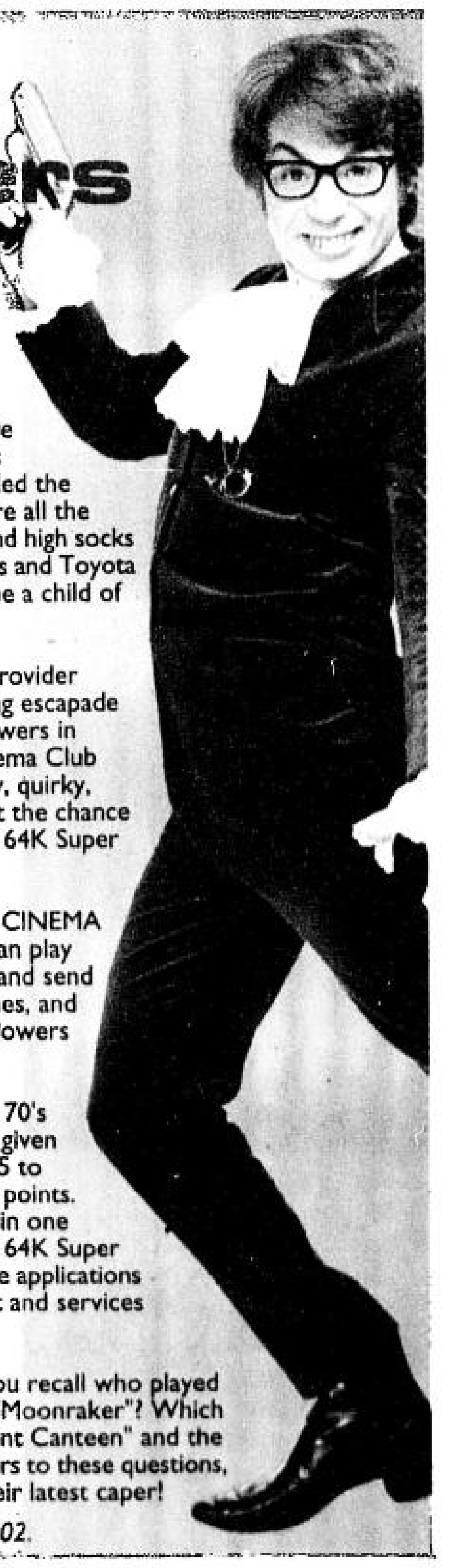

Sex Bomb

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The Sex Bomb Girls have also started shooting "Bakit Papa?," their first movie, for Regal Films. They receive star billing along with Allan K. and Epy Quizon.

The girls are booked solid, with live shows, mall tours, provincial sorties and next month, their first solo concert at the Music Museum.

Only in the Philippines can a bunch of squealing go-go girls become stars—role models even. But then, good, clean, mindless fun is a cornerstone of the Filipino way of life.

All the girls have fans. Not just Rochelle, though she does seem to have the most, but also Izzy, May, Grace, Sandy, Jackie, Jopay, Yvette, Monique, Ira, Weng, Cherry, and Mia.

I got my first glimpse of Sex Bomb mania in the studio from where "Eat Bulaga" is broadcast live every weekday at noon.

A large proportion of the studio audience was clearly there for the Sex Bomb girls. From the moment the girls broke into their opening dance number to their last exit, their fans cheered them, held up posters—some enterprising bootlegger was selling them on sidewalks for P10—and on occasion rose from their seats and imitated the girls' signature bumps and grinds.

I imagined that the bulk of the fans would be guys. Much to my surprise, most of them turned out to be young girls, pre-teens who knew the group's every move and every squeal. They don't want to date the Sex Bomb Girls, they want to *be* them.

And then there was the grandfather in the intensive care ward whose last wish was to see the Sex Bomb Girls in the flesh, before he kicked the bucket. A diehard fan, he got his wish, and—the story varies—either died happy or made a miraculous recovery.

The fact is, for all their booty-shaking, the Sex Bomb Girls are wholesome family entertainment. True, they wear those hot pants that hug every bootylicious curve, but they're also required to wear those flesh-colored stockings under them, just like your third grade schoolteacher used to wear.

That seems to be the key to their mass appeal—the fact that they're typical young girls, not too different from the girls in your average neighborhood. They're pretty, but not movie-star pretty; they've got good figures, but not ramp model or porn star bodies. They're reachable stars.

Plus, they work at it.

"This is a 24-hour job," say the girls, whose ages range from 17 to 20. "*Minsan madaling-araw na kami umuuwi* (We sometimes work until dawn)."

When they're not performing, the girls are rehearsing and developing new dance routines and musical numbers. Now that the Sex Bomb Singers have come into their own, the show is a more diversified package.

"We're also very friendly to fans," the girls add.

"*Kahit siksikan, pawis na pawis, nakikipag-usap pa rin sila sa mga* fans (Yes, even when they're sweaty from all that crowding," agrees Joy Cancio, the Sex Bombs' manager, choreographer and mother hen. A former member of the Vicor Dancers, Cancio is also stage director of "Eat Bulaga."

Young fan cheers the Sex Bomb Girls

What does it take to be a Sex Bomb?

"*Disiplina sa sarili, madaling maka*-pickup *ng* steps, *kayang humabol, at s'yempre, may itsura*, (discipline, quick pick-up of dance steps, good looks)" say the girls. There are also rules to be followed while a girl is an active member of the group: "*Bawal mag-asawa, bawal mabuntis, bawal rumacket* (You can't get married, get pregnant or have sidelines.)"

Not surprisingly, a host of imitators have sprouted. There's even a troupe of little girls calling themselves the Sex Grenades. Rather than be offended—these are after all just fans who have taken the next step—the Sex Bomb Girls gave them make-up tips and some big-sisterly advice: stay in school.

In the fickle world of local entertainment, there's no telling how far the Sex Bomb Girls can go. They may already have reached their peak. But for the moment, the girls are riding high, using what they've got to get what they want.

These boots were made for dancing: The girls get down on "Eat Bulaga"

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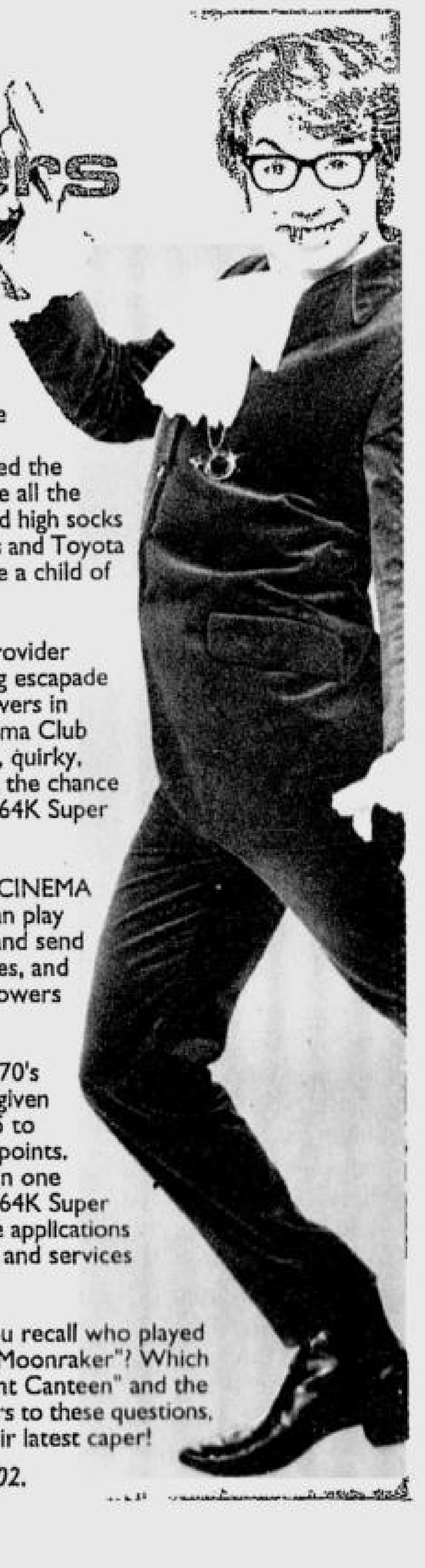

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Pinoy C
By Eric S. C

Flipping Out with Rex Navarrete

JIM GUIAO PUNZALAN

Word-of-mouth has made this Fil-Am standup comic a local underground cult hero with his edgy humor about Pinoy quirks and mannerisms

NO one is safe from Rex Navarrete's barbed humor: not rich relatives who ration toilet paper by the sheet, nor super-macho Pinoys who compensate for their short dicks by installing bigger tailpipes on their "rice rockets," nor uncles who like to give their nephews' balls a playful tweak now and then.

Though based in the Bay Area, the 33-year-old Filipino-American standup comedian has become something of an underground cult hero here, thanks to "Maritess Vs. the Superfriends." "Maritess" is one of Navarrete's sketches about a Pinay domestic who goes to work as a housekeeper for the Justice League of America. She freaks out Aquaman by frying *tuyo*. Turned into an animated Internet cartoon by Dino Ignacio (*www.fractal-cow.com*), it has generated an intense buzz around its author, all by word-of-mouth.

No one suspected how big Navarrete's local cult had become, however, until the comic embarked on his first Philippine tour earlier this month. Navarrete had SRO crowds rolling in the aisles at Sanctum, Dish and Green Planet, and nearly caused a riot during a free show in Greenbelt.

"It was totally crazy, man! It's great!" says Navarrete, whose family immigrated to the US when he was three years old.

"I transitioned OK," he recalls. "I still grew up in a Filipino-speaking household. I had to go to school to learn English correctly and to sound as 'white' as possible."

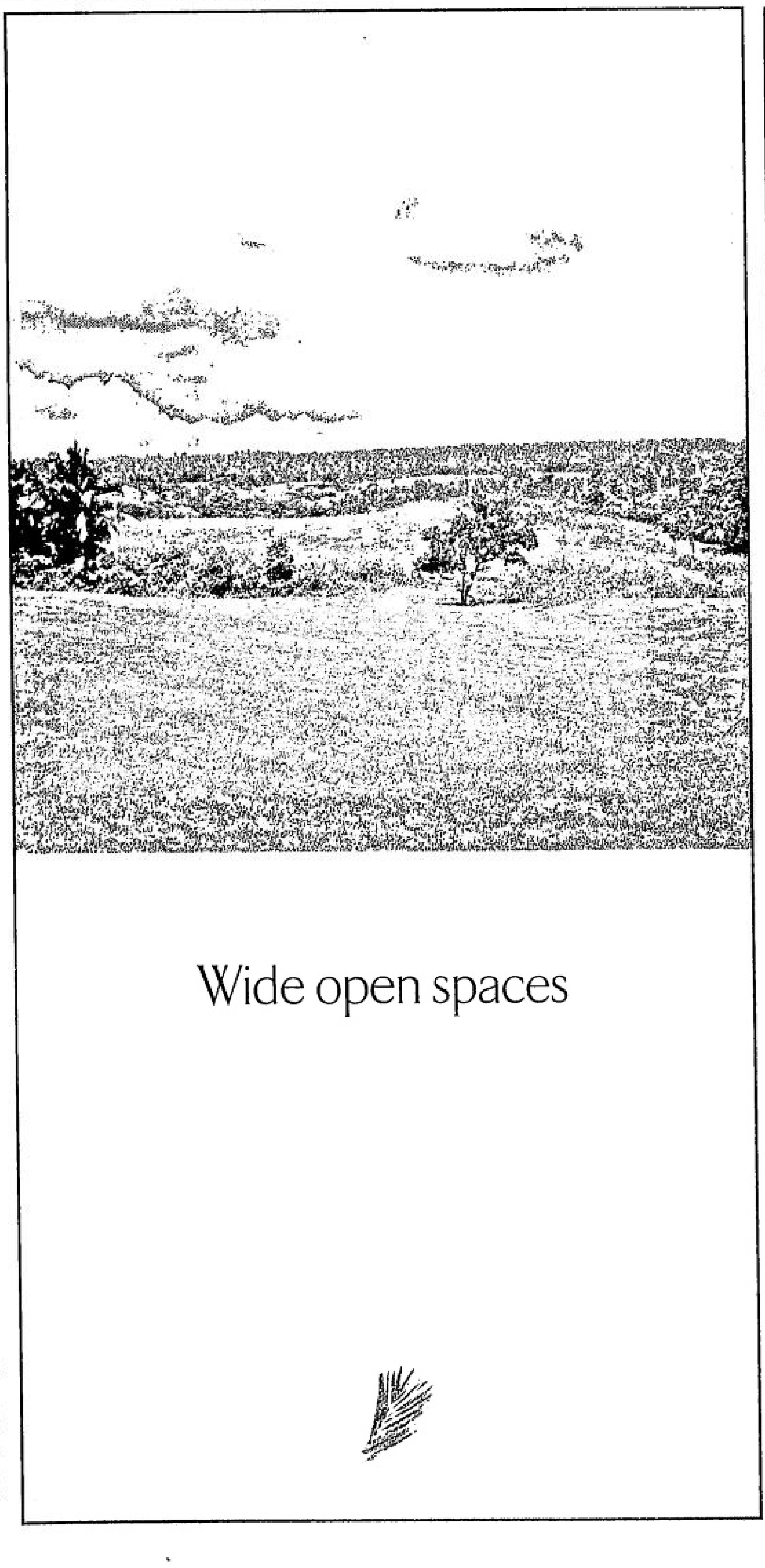
The experience of growing up brown in a predominantly white culture has been the motherlode for much of Navarrete's material ever since—like getting a Sto.Niño instead of a G.I. Joe doll to play with. The comedian also riffs on such familiar topics as relatives, Catholicism, FOBs ("fresh off the boat" immigrants), Filipino food (*adobo* grease as lubricant) and other Pinoy quirks.

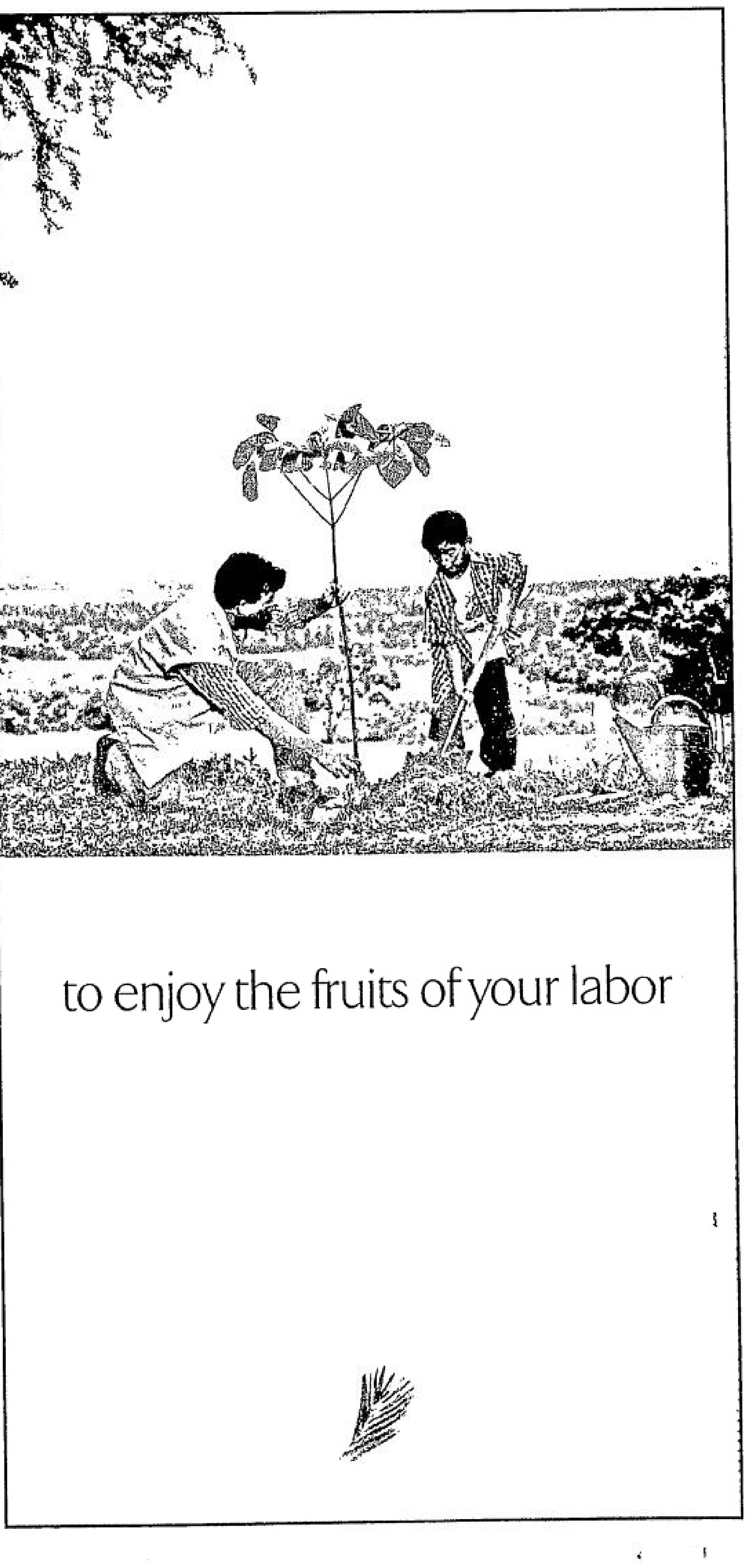
But Navarrete is also steeped in the history of Philippine-American relations. Such dark episodes as the St. Louis Exposition of 1904, in which tribal Filipinos were exhibited like sideshow freaks, or the first Filipinos to land on American soil (slave laborers on Spanish galleons in 1587), serve as surprise launch pads for double-edged jokes.

"I'm a dark comic, literally," he quips. "I ain't gonna get any lighter-skinned. I'm truly Pinoy. A hundred percent."

Early on the young Navarrete discovered the works of Eddie Murphy and Robin Williams (as well as Gary Lising, "Champoy" and Tito, Vic and Joey). This led to the much edgier work of Richard Pryor, George Carlin and Lenny Bruce, "the most dangerous standup comedians in the world—comics who didn't just do characters, but actually had ideas and concepts. They said something to me and what they were saying was really important stuff."

As a student enrolled in Asian-American Studies at San Francisco State University, Navarrete was also immersing himself in social and political issues and





to enjoy the fruits of your labor

Brown on the outside: Navarrete mulls a "racist snack"

identifying with the emerging Filipino-American consciousness in the Bay Area.

The two spheres finally came together when one of his professors encouraged him to do standup comedy for real. Before long, Navarrete was headlining comedy clubs around the Bay Area. Young Pinoys and Pinays embraced him as one of a handful of artists expressing a new, truly Filipino-American culture, along with others such as writer Jessica Hagedorn and turntablist DJ Q-Bert.

"Doing my activism stuff, I always had a good sense of humor. Doing my comedy stuff, I still have a good sense of activism. It's all become one thing now. I don't do activism anymore, but I'd like to think I'm still doing it through my work."

This social undercurrent is apparent in such routines as the one about "racist" snacks such as the chocolate cookies in Spain known as Filipinos ("What are they saying, that we're brown on the outside and have nothing on the inside?") and chocolate pretzels known as Flipz ("Brown on the outside and twisted?").

Navarrete has produced three CDs of his performances—"Badly Browned," "Husky Boy" and "Bastos." He also maintains a web site (*www.rexnavarrete.com*) through which netheads can sample his work.

But Navarrete's comedy really comes alive onstage. "You can never duplicate the experience of going to a club and sitting with your friends," he says. "I might go up there with a script but it's totally unplanned. Anything can happen."

The SUNDAY INQUIRER MAGAZINE caught up with Rex Navarrete midway through his Manila tour.

SIM: A lot of people say Filipinos don't get standup comedy. You have to do impersonations or slapstick or wear costumes to get a laugh. Do you find that to be true?

Rex Navarrete (Rex): No. On the contrary. People come and watch my stuff, and I'm not singing, I'm not doing impersonations, I'm not doing overtly gay material. It's just me and my mike and my stories.

SIM: What's the difference between the local Filipino audience and the Fil-American audience?

Rex: I'm surprised—not a lot. They all come from similar backgrounds: college-educated, they know what standup comedy is. This is the same stuff I do in the States, and non-Filipinos go to those shows too. Their friends just explain things to them. That's how ethnic comedy started, anyway. Ethnic comedy is any comedy that white people don't get.

SIM: There's a fine line between milking stereotypes for humor and perpetuating those stereotypes...

Rex: We're not even on the map to be discriminated against as much as black people are. We're kind of an ambiguous population. There are a lot of Filipinos in the States who don't want to rock the boat, who just want to be good normal American citizens and not cause any trouble. But there are a lot of us who are second- or third-generation Pinoys who don't want to live that life of being too careful, who want to become artists and performers and become more critical of the world we live in. That's where my comedy is going.

SIM: What buttons do you push to make Filipino audiences laugh?

Rex: Family, relationships, language, how we sound, mannerisms—like putting your hand in front of you when you're going to step in front of someone's TV. Where did that come from? Or being called "m'am/sir" in Jollibee. That really cracks me up. You have to call everyone "m'am/sir" because you don't know who's male or female anymore.

SIM: Do you believe that Filipinos laugh to keep from crying?

Rex: I've heard that. We all get the blues, and a good dose of laughter is great for that. But I don't want to see us as suffering all the time. Maybe it's a defense mechanism. Maybe it's just part of our nature. Maybe we're having a great day. I've seen members of my own family just laugh through some incredibly hard times because that was the only thing they had—a good sense of humor and their faith. Laughter was always a big part of what I was brought up in.

SIM: What next?

Rex: The older I get, the more excited I become about writing material that really scares me. I hope it gets really good, like Richard Pryor. He's the best when it comes to bringing up something no one wants to talk about. Painful stuff. That's the next level—when you can start sharing the ugly stuff, and making it so you can look at it. Now that's tough. That's the work of a true master. I'm still an apprentice. I wanna get there.

Rex Navarrete will be performing at the Greenbelt Mall 3 Food Court on Wednesday, August 28, 7 p.m.

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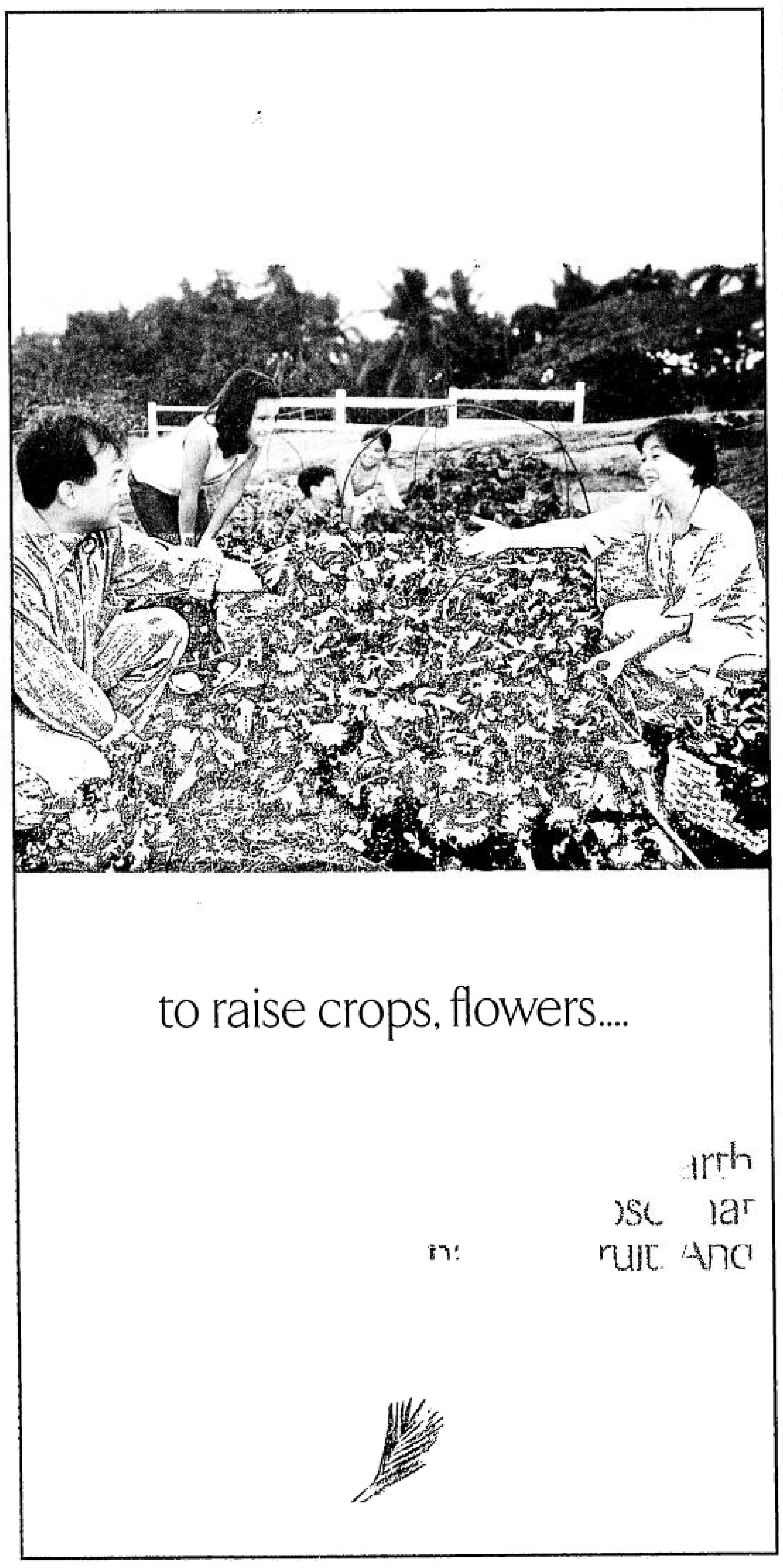

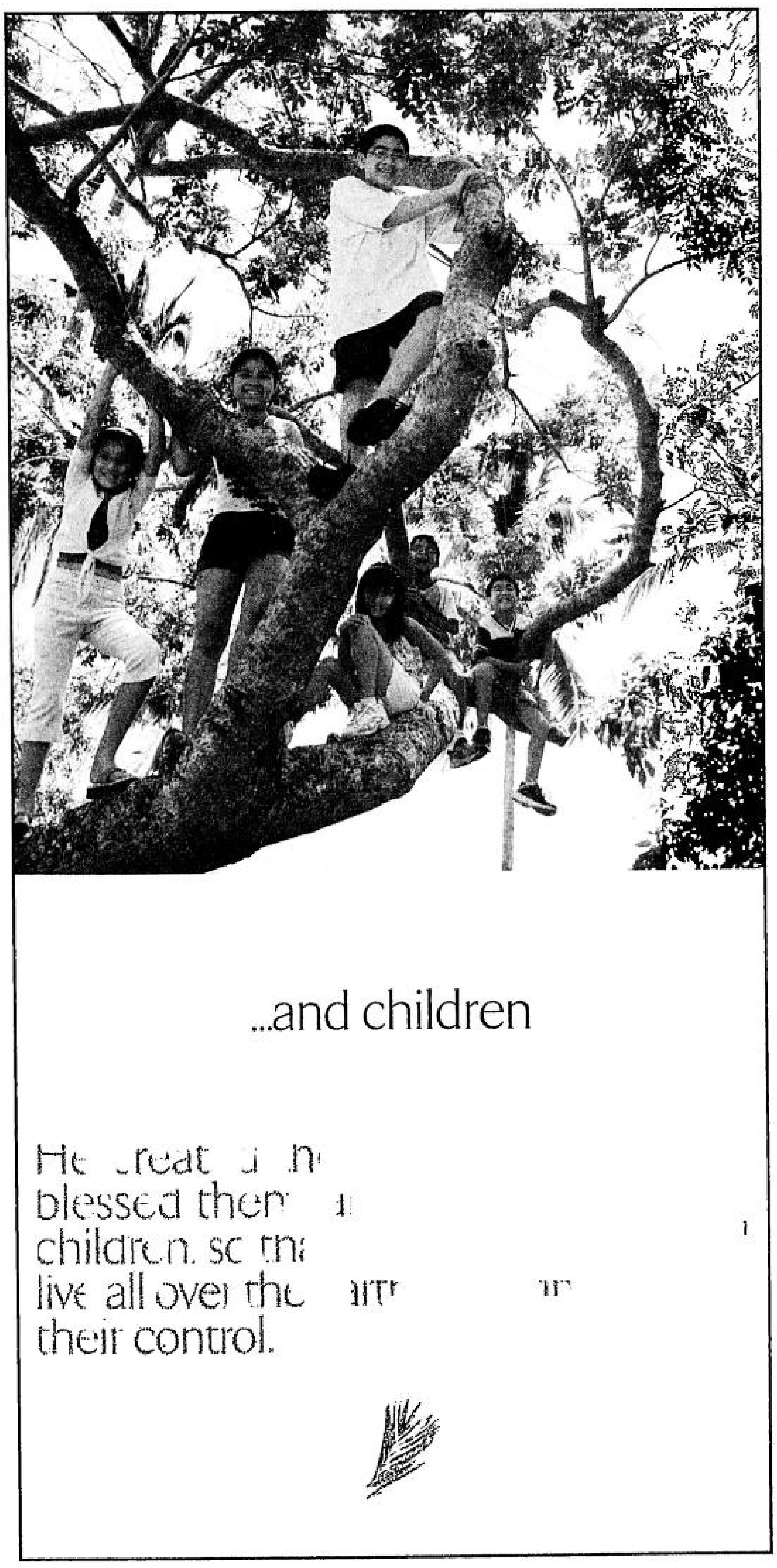

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By John L. Silva

My Fil-Am Niece Comes to Visit

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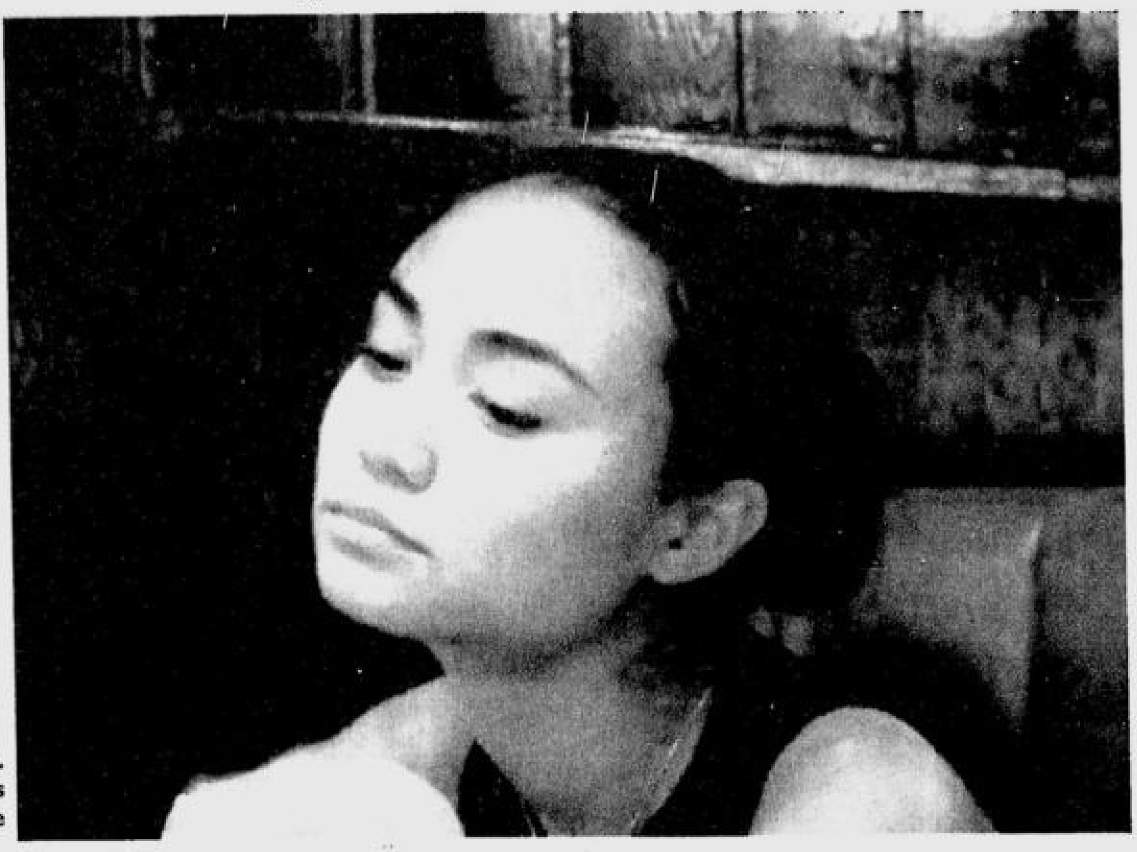


Balikbayan Ella S. Vallejo, the writer's niece

MY NIECE Ella S. Vallejo blew into town recently. She's Fil-Am through and through, a 16-year-old bundle of high octane that boggles a sedentary uncle like me.

She must be like so many young *balikbayans* who get sent to the homeland for the summer by their parents, hoping they'd pick up a wee bit of heritage, decorum and grace still found in this part of the world.

I met her in Rockwell with her mom. She was checking her e-mail at an internet cafe. My, she's grown tall, I tell my sister as Ella finally gives me a smile and a hug. She's wearing a tight t-shirt that shows her navel, tight jeans and colorful flip-flops. A California poster girl. I compliment her on the flip-flops and she proudly tells me she has five more pairs back home.

She's been eyeing the cellphones. Compared to those where she comes from, she says, the models we have are so new and "cool." She has this "dinosaur" model that just won't do. That's a euphemism for a Nokia circa 2001. She says she needs a new one but her Mom isn't convinced, so I come in and say she could trade in her old model. And that's how Ella found an ally in "Tee-Toe" John.

It's funny how in the company of foreigners, *balikbayans* included, you automatically want to show your country's best. I breathe a sigh of relief when she gives Rockwell high marks. This coming from a young woman whose country invented shopping malls. She's so honed into mall merchandising that from a quick glance of the front display and just peering from the outside, Ella can already tell that the stuff is not her. I steer her to Bench and Penshoppe and Bayo and other local brands. She likes what she sees but not enough to buy them. Something about them not right. Remember, this is your standard American individualist consumer who can get a shirt in 30 different colors until one "speaks" to her and her alone.

We take Ella to Dulcinea, my sister's and my favorite as kids. We push her to try the pastries and cajole her into trying Churros Con Chocolate. She's game for a few but she's also an athlete who has foresworn sweets and other "unhealthy" stuff. She tells me that whenever someone lights up a cigarette, she warns them very plainly, "You're going to die of cancer." Even to complete strangers.

I'm driving her and my sister around. She's in the front seat and all eyes for everything. "Tee-Toe" she says, "You've picked up the driving habits here haven't you?" I look at her and look at the road and realize I'd been straddling a lane for some time. I make some smart ass comment about signs in this country being mere suggestions. She laughs but she gives me that look like I was naughty.

The rest of the drive is all exclamatory on her part. "TEE-TOE, THAT CAR IS TWO INCHES FROM US! OH, MY GOD, TEE-TOE, THAT BUS IS SPEWING OUT SO MUCH SMOKE! OH NO, I DON'T WANT TO LOOK, WE'RE GOING TO CRASH! DID YOU SEE THAT TEE-TOE, THAT PEDICAB IS DRIVING TOWARDS US. HE'S ON THE WRONG LANE, TEE-TOE!" I look at my sister in the rear view mirror. She grew up here and has come back more often so she knows the scene. We chuckle at our upright Ella.

It's the beggars who tap on the car windows that's disturbing. I look at her face as she sadly looks at them, not familiar with our way of coping with their presence, which is not to notice them at all. My dutiful sister must have prepared her for the guy on crutches or the armless boy or the mother carrying a dirty child, whose panty is draped over the mother's head. She does not comment as she has been told but her eyes say it all.

When in comes to matters of sexuality, however, Ella has the advantage. She knows everything about it and she's not going to make a mistake with her body. Her oldest sister, Miel is an OB-gynecologist and she's already seen several live births.

Ella was off to the province for several days and came back with exciting stories to tell of hanging out with her peers. There were the parties and the driving around and the ogling she got from the boys. She told us matter of factly that there was a lot of smoking which she hated and drinking which she also found boring. She was flattered by the attention she got from the boys but I could tell she wouldn't have anything to do with them in the long term. Her athletic body as well as her discipline would only take so much of the party atmosphere she was thrown into.

I took her to the National Museum one day. I was especially sensitive to making sure Uncle John wasn't forcing this on her. Not everybody loves a museum. But when Ella made a resounding "Sure, let's go," she got the grand tour. She was fascinated with the artifacts and a couple of times pointed out baskets and hats and *krises* that she recognized, my sister having decorated their California home with touches of Filipiniana. She liked the museum but I would be lying if I said she was enthralled. She knew though that it meant a lot for her uncle who worked there to show it off to her niece. Her cheerful thanks and gratitude were more than enough and off she went for another round of shopping.

The night before she left, Ella and her mother had dinner at the house. She was talking about her track team, her college plans and where she was thinking of traveling next. While I enjoyed playing the role of being uncle to the hilt, I also wanted to hang out with Ella as much as I could because I could tell she would not be rushing back here in the near future. Even if we made fun of the traffic and the rich food and tried to overlook the garbage and the poverty, this country was not going to be in the top ten of Ella's Must Return list. Her life and future is in America and there is hardly anything here, for now, that would ever entice her to return and stay.

How sad it was to embrace Ella and see her go. Her brief visit here though was precious to me because I don't know when she'll ever come back again.

Bon Appetit

By Amando Doronila

A 'Rouge' by Any Other Name

Alliance Francaise's in-house restaurant has been renamed, but its reputation for fine reasonably-priced cuisine remains intact

ON THE tailend of Bastille Day on July 14, Alliance Francaise de Manille launched its rejuvenated café-restaurant with a new name "Le Coude Rouge."

The restaurant used to be called "Chez Leon" and housed in the former Alliance site in Buendia until it transferred to its own building on 209 Nicanor Garcia St., a tree-lined home to a number of other restaurants.

Although it began as a convenient adjunct to the old Alliance's library and cultural hall, Chez Leon had gained a reputation as the only authentic French restaurant in Manila.

There is less reason to doubt this reputation as Le Coude Rouge inaugurates an expanded and more diversified menu without losing the character of a quintessential French bistro in Paris that serves delicious meals without frills and with prices half those in five-star hotels. Dining is set in the ambience of a sunlit new building designed by Budji Layug, which is remarkable for its minimalist concept and uncluttered use of space.

All tables were booked on the inauguration dinner by patrons composed not only of students of Alliance and members of the French community but also diners who had in the past patronized Chez Leon.

On a long table sitting Filipino scholars who had been sent to France, the fare consisted of new dishes. I had *soupe aux champignons* (mixed mushroom soup) which was fresh and had a generous portion of mushrooms, not just essence of mushroom or mushroom pureed by food processor.

As *hors d'oeuvres* or starters, the salads were appetizing, but the *assiette gourmande* (homemade chicken liver pate and potted pork rillette with crispy pickles) should not be missed. New additions to the old menu include *crevettes a la provencale* (prawns with tomato and vegetable sauce) cooked in the style of regional cooking in the Pyrenees bordering the Spanish Basque region; lapu-lapu curry and poached lapu-lapu with garlic mayonnaise. They were added to the old menu in which the pan-fried tuna steak and pan-fried tanigue steak were well handled.

Freshness is the secret of the seafood, and the prawns in my order were deliciously fresh. In the meat department, the most sought *viandes* were the *supreme de volaille farci* (stuffed chicken breast with wine, cream and cucumber sauce), *poulet a l'estragon* (creamed chicken with tarragon), and *coq au vin* (chicken cooked in red wine, shallots, mushroom and bacon). They were added to *poulet roti* (roasted chicken), which was popular in the old restaurant.

The second time around, I tried *supreme de volaille farci*, which I was happy with, especially the sliced white chicken breast and the cream and cucumber sauce with its complex flavor that tickles the palate.

My table companions seemed to enjoy their *poulet a l'estragon* and *coq au vin*, possibly because they reminded the ex-French scholars of their days in Paris bistros.

It would be missing the point if we did not mention the dishes for which the old Chez Leon is well remembered: *steak frite* with French fries, and *steak au poivre* (beef tenderloin with pepper and cream sauce). The café knows how to handle its steak, served with the zebra stripes across it. Rita Dy of Singapore Airlines, who is well-travelled, agrees that the *steak frite* is one of the best she has tasted in Manila. The price was unbelievable—P270 to P340. The steak was juicy and tender, and the staff told us it came from homegrown cattle. You won't need sauce with it. Its juices will do.

The wine list was extraordinarily short, but the wines were well selected. We passed around the table two bottles of reds, Clos de Templier, L. De Pomerol and Ch. Le Borderon, cru Bourgeois Medoc. For the whites, two kinds are normally available - Poully fume and Le Relais de cheval Blanc (P400 a bottle).

There is a concession to Filipino cuisine: chicken *tinola*, chicken *afritada*, seafood *kinilaw* and beef steak Tagalog. There is pasta as well, including spaghetti bolognese, fettuccine carbonara, fusili vegetarian and penne tuna. To cap the meal, there's a choice between tarts and cheese plate.

The menu would not have been complete if it did not have the traditional omelettes (plain or with mushroom, ham or cheese). Of course, for light meals, there are the croissant *jambon-fromage*, *quiche lorraine* and *croque monsieur* (grilled ham and cheese sandwich.)

However, I still wonder why French onion soup is not in the menu. The chef is a talented young Filipino lady, trained locally in French cuisine and who has quickly learned its nuances.

The restaurant is open from Monday to Saturday for lunch; on Wednesdays, it's open for dinner. There's a *plat du jour* (menu of the day) with a special dish (such as *pot au feu* or boiled meat) that changes each day, for P220. Payment is cash only.

At the beginning the walls of the restaurant were bare. But they are now alive with photos of familiar Parisian scenes and with prints of paintings by French masters. Don't expect, as background music, songs by Edith Piaf or CD renditions of "La Vie en Rose." It's not done. Besides, the French are known to be garrulous people who love to argue but they are exasperatingly logical--and that's the only source of noise. Filipinos are also a noisy people in public places but they also love noisy, ear-splitting music, while they eat. They talk and shout more than they listen. No wonder their democracy is so rambunctious and unruly.

Paintings of Parisian scenes add to the ambience of "Le Coude Rouge"

ROMY HOMILLADA

This Week

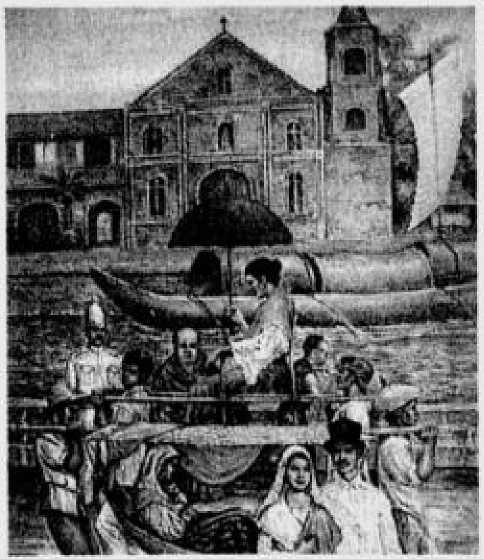
Art

Hubad, an exhibit by the Saturday Group of Artists featuring nude paintings at the 3/L (near Figaro) of the Shangri-la Plaza Mall until Aug. 31.

A group of artists who studied under UP professor-artist Roberto Chabet is holding an exhibit titled **Conversation** at the Art Center of SM Megamall A until Sept. 1. Chabet himself is curating the show.

Tongue and Groove, a solo exhibit by Bernardo Pacquing at Finale Art File, 4/F, LaO Centre, Pasay Road corner Makati Avenue until Sept. 3.

Goldfield Harvest, nonfigurative mixed media paintings with gold leaf by Fil-Am artist John Lake Hernandez Harvey at the CCP Pasilyo Guillermo Tolentino until Sept. 6.



Renato Villanueva's "Sunday Morning" on exhibit at the Genluna Gallery

Music

Gary Valenciano and Latina R&B singer Joy Enriquez heat up the Big Dome with a concert billed as **One 2 One**, a dance party on Aug. 30 and 31 at the Araneta Coliseum. For tickets, call the Araneta Ticketnet at 911-5555.

Mitch Valdes Rocks!, an evening of humor and songs on Aug. 29 at 9 p.m. at Onstage Greenbelt, Makati City. Tickets available at Ticketworld outlets in major National Bookstore branches, Robinsons Department Store (Malate and Galleria), Tower Records, Music Museum, Ayala Center Glorietta 1 ticket booth and at Greenbelt ticketron.

***Alay Namin Kay* Tita King**, Philippine Women's Music Ensemble's tribute to the beloved National Artist for Music in an hour of Kasilag works, today at 5 p.m. at the Rizal Park Open-Air Auditorium, Manila. Admission is free.

The MCO Arts Festival presents its second concert, **An Evening of Classical Piano Music**, featuring Mariel Ilusorio on Aug. 31, 7 p.m. at the Francisco Santiago Hall, Equitable PCIBank Tower 1, Makati Avenue. For tickets, call 818-1403 and 813-3849.

The Cultural Center of the Philippines presents bass baritone **Andrew Fernando** in a concert on Aug. 27, 7:30 p.m. at the CCP Tanghalang Aurelio Tolentino. For details, call 551-7930 or 832-1125 loc. 1801-1806.

TWM (The World of Music) series of concerts begins its fifth season with two musical soirees at The Podium in Ortigas Center. The first concert will be on Aug. 31, 5 p.m. featuring Bo Razon and the Afro-Latin Ensemble. The second soiree will be on Sept. 14 featuring John Lesaca with guests NAMCYA winner instrumentalists. Admission is free. For details, call 726-1953.

Onstage

Shoes++, a series of fun dance based on various kinds of footwear featuring Ballet Philippines together with young dancers from the Quezon City Performing Arts Development Foundation Inc., Aug. 25 with shows at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. at the CCP Main Theater.

Pianist Mariel Ilusorio at the Francisco Santiago Hall

UP Babaylan celebrates its 10th anniversary with the presentation of **Androgyny Oooh...10**, a variety show with a twist of gay popular culture on Aug. 31 and Sept. 1, 7 p.m. at the Abelardo Hall, College of Music. For details, call 293-5754 or 929-5301 loc 6663 and look for Panjee or Wilma.

Show White and the Seven Dwarfs, Repertory Philippines' latest children's theater musical production, goes on stage at the William J. Shaw Theatre, Shangri-La Plaza until Dec. 15. Performances every Saturday and Sunday at 10:30 a.m. For details, call 633-4822 to 25.

Food

Saisaki brings **Niku Matsuri**, a buffet festival featuring delectable new combinations of meat ingredients. The meat festival runs until October at all Saisaki branches in Glorietta III, Alabang Town Center, Pasay Road, Megamall, Edsa and West Avenue. For inquiries, call 532-3004.

7-Eleven's Budget Bites is the value-priced alternative to the usual burger-and-fries meal deal. The Big Bite and Big Gulp Combo pairs your favorite hotdog sandwich with a tall 32-ounce drink. The Oden and Gulp Combo brings a fresh twist to the well-loved fish ball. Visit 7-Eleven for more food-to-go choices.

Manila Galleria Suites in Ortigas invites everyone to have a taste of exquisite Spanish cuisine as the hotel's Raphael Café-Restaurant holds a **Spanish Food Festival** until Sept. 1.

Mandarin Oriental's Tivoli Restaurant presents the **Impeccable Expressions of Goose Liver and Mushroom** featuring glorious creations using the best goose liver (*foie gras*) imported from France and the freshest mushrooms available from Aug. 27 to Sept. 8.

Atbp

The UP Dept. of Psychology is offering the **Human Potential Development Facilitators' Training Program** open to all professionals in the fields of teaching, training, counseling and therapy. Interested individuals are requested to submit a copy of their curriculum vitae and three 1x1 pictures starting Sept. 1 at the Dept. of Psychology, G/F Palma Hall Annex, UP Diliman. Interviews will be scheduled between Oct. 1-31. For inquiries, call 920-5386 or email hpd@pworld.net.ph.

ProActive Center for Training will hold a **Basic Foodservers Training** on Aug. 29-Sept. 4, 1 to 5 p.m. at Bedas Restaurant, C-5, Libis, QC. For registration, call 787-6370.

The **Philippine Society of Climacteric Medicine's 10th annual convention** will be held on Sept. 19-20 at the Garden Wing Ballroom of the Edsa Shangri-La Hotel, Mandaluyong City with the theme "Changing Trends in the Management of the Menopause." Local experts and two foreign speakers will give updates on timely issues regarding hormone replacement therapy and male and female aging. All medical and paramedical practitioners are invited to join. For details, call 433-9776.

Putting Up a Daycare/Preschool seminar will be held on Aug. 31 and Sept. 7 at the ACCM Building, 102 Valero St., Salcedo Village, Makati City. Reservations accepted until Aug. 30. For details, call 823-2615 or text 0919-8270776.

St. Pauls Marketing invites everyone to visit booth numbers 4-6 at the 13th Philippine Book Fair, Megatrade Hall from Aug. 31 to Sept. 8 and avail themselves of many titles of religious books, Bibles, books on family, charismatic renewal, spirituality, prayers and other titles. It will also launch eight books on Sept. 4 at 6:30 p.m. with Jose Mari Chan singing his popular numbers. For details, call 896-6702.

Exquisite variations of goose liver and mushrooms at Mandarin Oriental's The Tivoli

The AIDS Society of the Philippines invites all bonafide media practitioners to join the **Best AIDS News Feature** on TV, radio and print and Best in Editorial and Strip Cartoon Illustrations. Entries should be aired or published between Aug. 1, 2001 and Sept. 30, 2002. Get application forms and submit entry materials and a short description of the writer to the ASP office, Rm. 401, 4/F Doña Felisa Syjuco Building, Remedios St., Malate, Manila not later than Oct. 4. For details, call 536-5694 or 536-5509.

The American-based Landmark Education Forum will be coming to Manila to conduct a three-day **seminar on how to bring about a profound and permanent shift in the quality of people's lives**. It will be held on Sept. 13-15 at the RCBC Plaza in Makati. A free introductory seminar is conducted every Tuesday, 7 p.m. at the Assumption College, San Lorenzo Village. For details, call 851-8500 or 722-4573.

The Sinag Arts Studio at 664 San Ignacio St., Mandaluyong City is holding a **Drafting Workshop** on Aug. 26-27 and Sept. 2-3. The workshop is designed for theater crew and individuals who lack the innate talent in drawing to develop techniques in making plans. For details, call 531-3491.

The **Ink & Stone Bookshop** located at the ground level of The Podium in Ortigas Center carries handpicked titles encompassing general interest genres such as Biographies, Autobiographies, Non-fiction, Fiction, Business, Children, Science Fiction and Spiritual Literature. It also offers handcrafted accessories ranging from water fountains, candles, incense, hill tribe jewelry pieces, beads and other literary accent pieces. The bookshop has a loft area designed for in-store activities such as Pilates classes, Yoga sessions, meditation classes, bead and fountain making workshops, reading activities and workshops on entrepreneurial endeavors and independent artists.

Ramon Magsaysay awardee for Journalism, Literature and Creative Communication Arts Bienvenido Lumbera will deliver a lecture titled **Decentering Philippine Culture** on Aug. 30, 4:30 p.m. at the National Bookstore Quezon Avenue branch. To cap the lecture, Sangahaya 2002 Philippine Culture and Arts Yearbook, which Lumbera edits, will also be launched. For inquiries, call 527-2192 loc. 614.

X-manila

Yesteryears, an exhibit of 15 large scale works of Philippine culture and tradition by Renato Villanueva at Genluna Gallery in Davao City until Sept. 8. For details, call (082) 2262104.

The Venue in Davao City features **Quatro Qantos**, the comic quartet of Kim, Teri, Wally and Pooh, on Aug. 30 and 31 at 9 p.m. to end the series of performances for the Kadayawan festival.

The De La Salle University-Dasmariñas will hold an exhibit of the works of the **Anting-Anting Group of Artists** at the Museo de La Salle on Aug. 29. The group will feature works in mixed media that depict spirituality and Filipino culture and tradition. Exhibit runs until Oct. 30.

Repertory Philippines stages "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" at the William J. Shaw Theatre

For this week's bands and schedules call:

- Hard Rock Café (893-4662-65)
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Pinoy Nga!

By Jess Abrera

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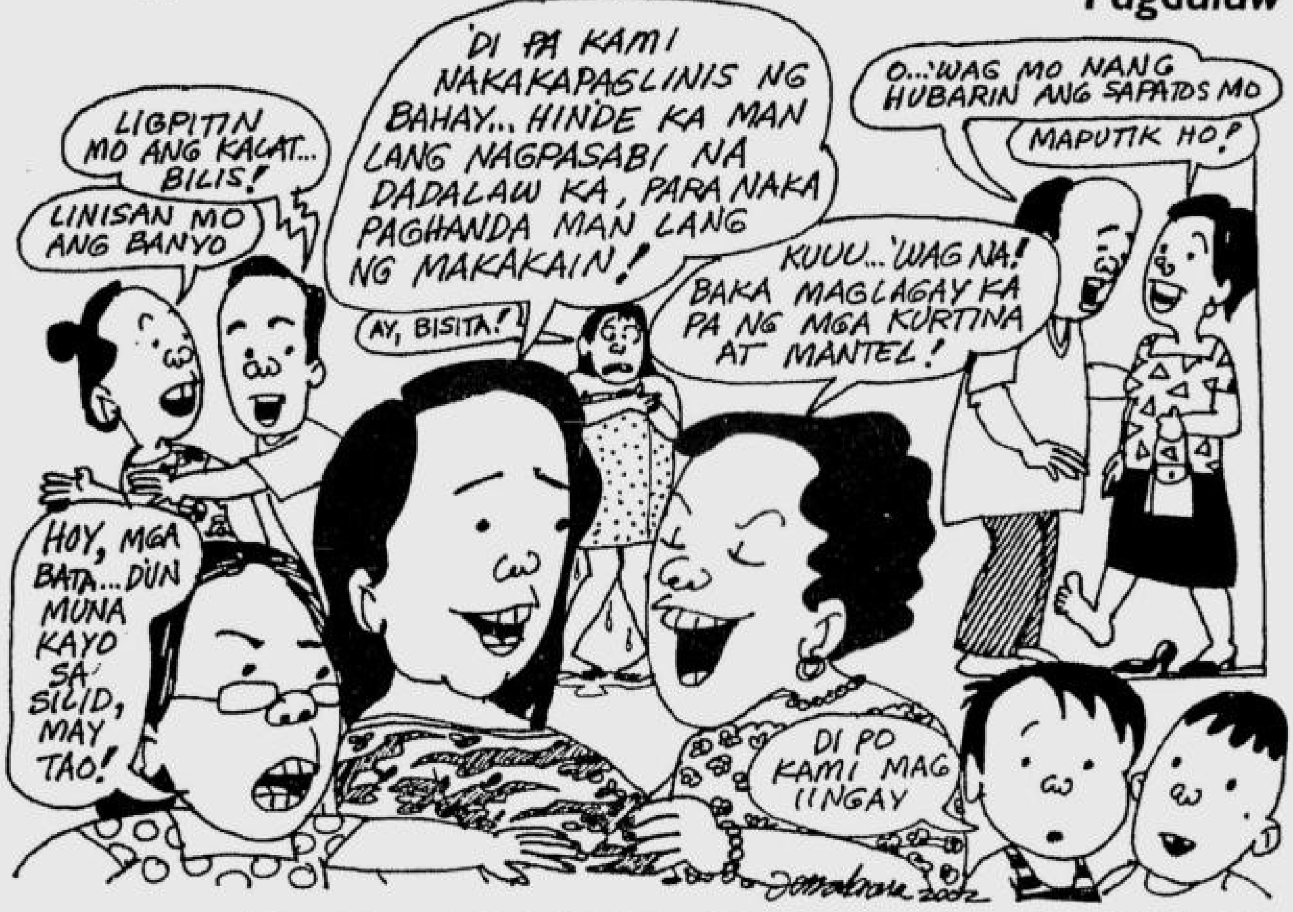
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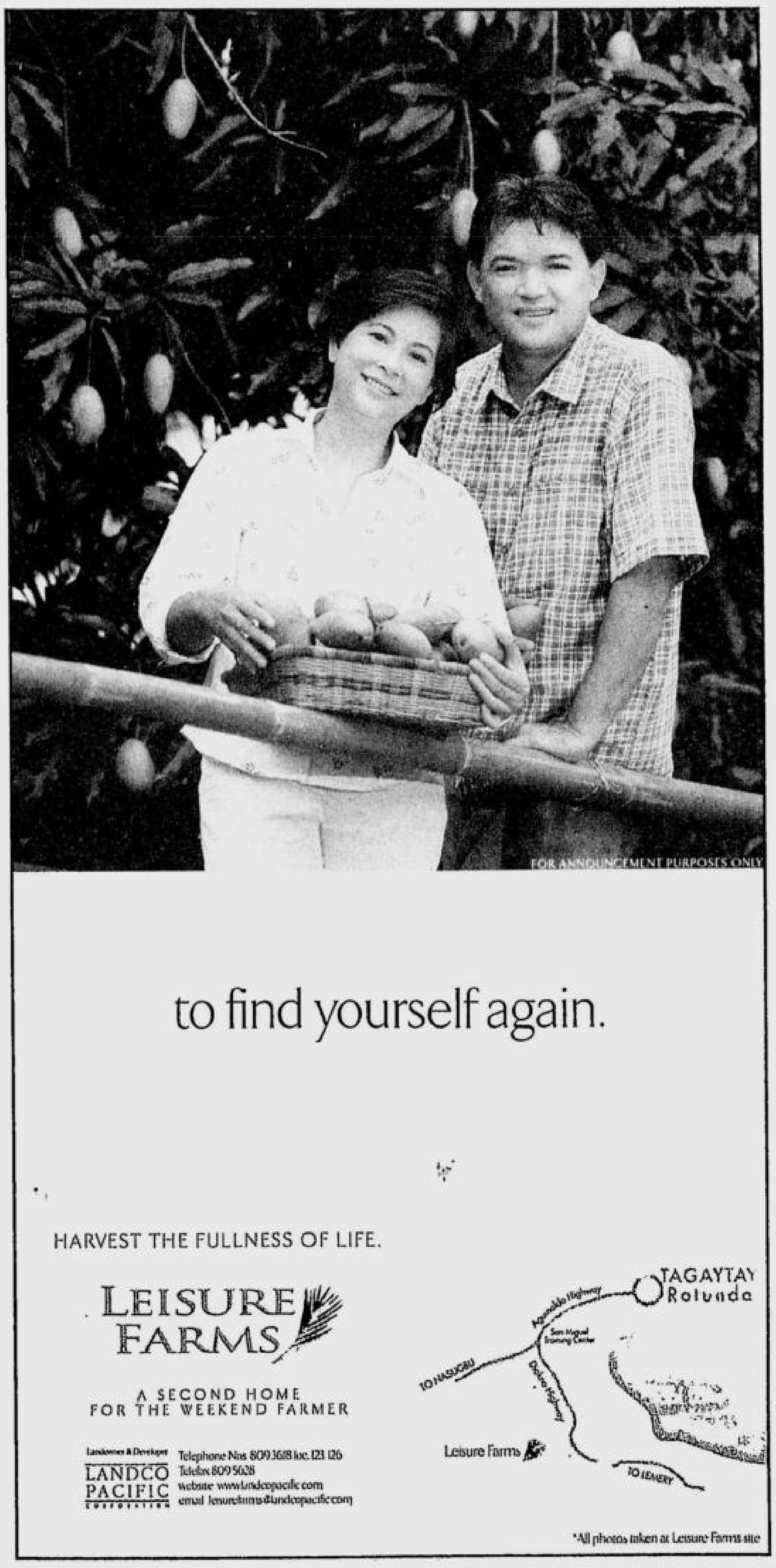
Outstanding Individuals

The Board of Trustees of the Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation announces that six individuals from Burma, India, Korea, Nepal, Pakistan and the Philippines will receive Asia's most prestigious prize, the Ramon Magsaysay Award. The awardees are: Hilario Davide Jr., chief justice of the Philippines' Supreme Court, for Government Service; Dr. Ruth Pfau, a Catholic nun in Pakistan who for many years led the Marie Adelaide Leprosy Centre, for Public Service; Dr. Cynthia Maung, from Burma, founder and head of the Mae Tao Clinic in the border town of Mae Sot, Thailand, for Community Leadership; Bharat Koirala, founder and lifetime mentor of the Nepal Press Institute, for Journalism, Literature and Creative Communication Arts; Sukho Choi (Venerable Pomnyun Snim), a Korean Buddhist monk, for Peace and International Understanding, and Sandeep Pandey of Asha for Education, India, for Emergent Leadership. The Ramon Magsaysay Award, established in 1957 to honor the memory and leadership example of the third Philippine President, is given yearly to individuals or organizations in Asia who manifest the same sense of selfless service that ruled the life of the late and beloved Filipino leader. This year's Magsaysay Award winners will each receive a certificate, a medallion bearing the likeness of the late President, and a cash prize. They will be formally conferred the award during presentation ceremonies to be held on Aug. 31 at the Cultural Center of the Philippines. The awardees will also speak in a series of public lectures at the Ramon Magsaysay Center from Aug. 28 to Sept. 3. For more information, call 523-1463.



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SMART Man Martin Nievera Stands Tall in the Aliw Hall of Fame

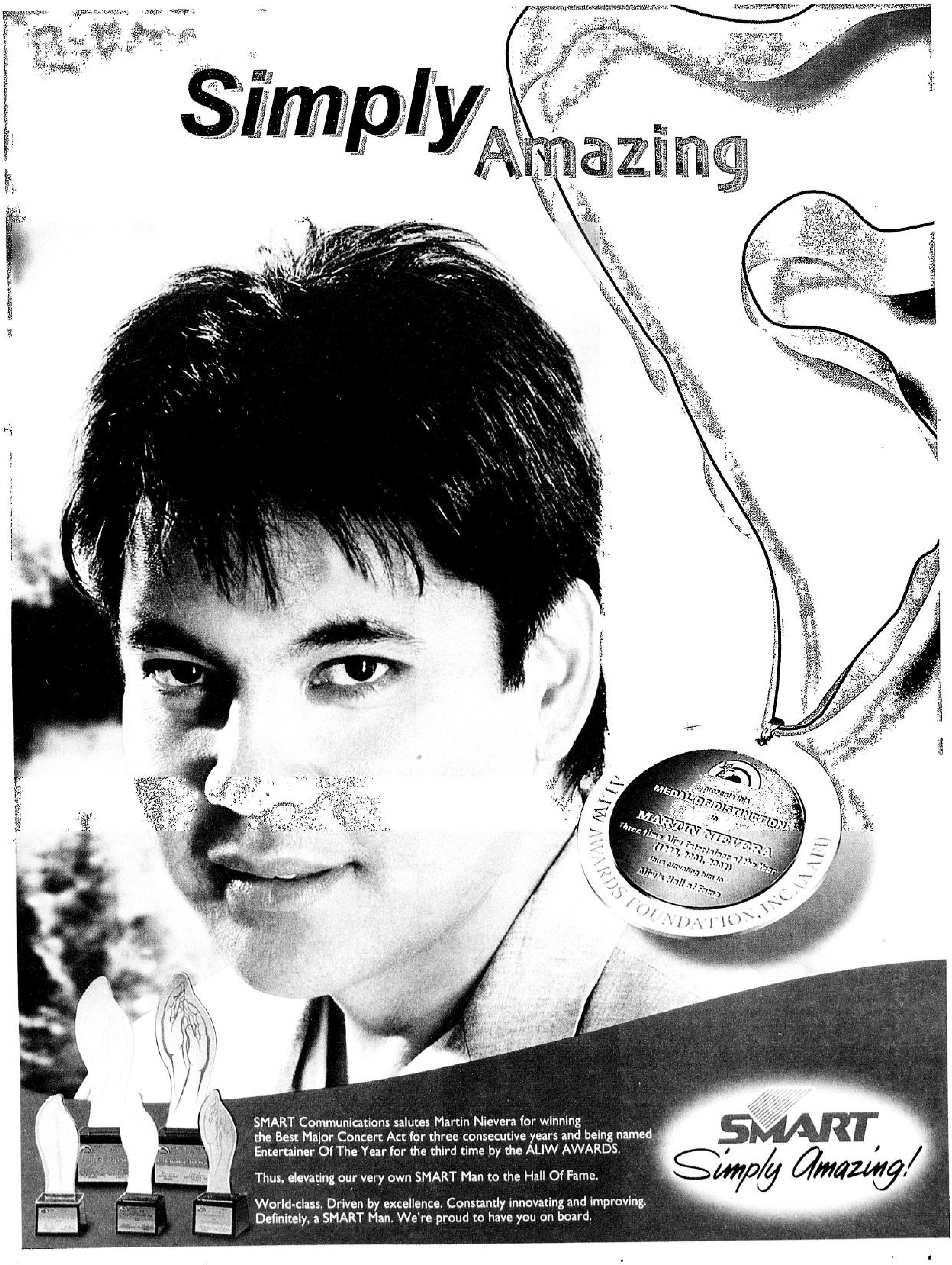
Madman "SMARTin" Nievera was recently awarded the Best Major Concert Act (Male) and named Entertainer of the Year for the third time by the Aliw Awards Foundation, Inc. Aliw Awards is the country's premier award-giving body for Filipino recording artists. Martin is the first artist ever to receive three Entertainer of the Year awards and Best Major Concert Act (Male) awards for the past three consecutive years from the 25-year old organization. Three-time recipients of the Entertainer of the Year awards are elevated to the Aliw Hall of Fame.

SMART Man Martin, thus shines once again as the most brilliant among today's Filipino concert artists.

They say winners have a way of walking along the same path as market leader SMART and multi-awarded "SMARTin" are doing: SMART blazed a trail and led the market in the cell phone industry from its analog beginnings to its entry into the digital/GSM platform. Martin has equally matched this achievement in the highly crowded and competitive field of entertainment.

Martin's elevation to the Aliw Hall of Fame comes at the heels of recent successes as singer, songwriter, and concert director. The Madman is constantly reinventing himself, adding more facets to his act, to reach out and entertain his audiences in ways more creative and inventive than before. So his cellular choice, SMART, also keeps in step with this re-invention by providing him and his audience with the most cutting-edge technology that is capable of delivering the most awesome menu of services on their SMART celfone. One of the most powerful SMART innovations is the SMART 64k Super SIM. It combines SMART zed, the mobile portal that houses the widest range of information and entertainment services and SMART Money, the world's first and only m-commerce application, which empowers subscribers to enjoy the convenience of cashless shopping and mobile banking. No other celfone provider can compare with these technological advances.

As the leader in wireless telecommunications, SMART is always introducing the most innovative and user-friendly services for the Filipino audience. Thus, Martin's award-winning talent and capabilities are a natural fit with SMART's amazing services and innovations. SMART and Martin, always ahead and doing the unexpected. Just like Martin says, *"Can anyone come close?"*



SMART Communications salutes Martin Nievera for winning the Best Major Concert Act for three consecutive years and being named Entertainer Of The Year for the third time by the ALIW AWARDS.

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